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SUPERSTITION'S PART IN WAR.

FROG DEITY FOR VICTORY.

Significance of H.E. The Governor's Trip.

CAPTAIN ROBERT DOLLAR & THE TSINAN INCIDENT.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Superstition still plays a big part in the views of some Chinese in Hong Kong in regard to the Tsinan incident and the trouble with Japan. In lighter vein, a few of the fallacies are worth repeating, if only because the stories reveal the simplicity of mind depicted on such a momentous occasion.

A believer in "fung shui" or geomancy advocates a new standard to be borne on the battlefield by the Nationalist Army. For reasons which will be explained, it is suggested that a representation of the frog deity on a war flag will automatically have the effect of crushing Japanese opposition!

Significance has been attached, by the protagonists in heated street argument, to His Excellency the Governor's departure from the Colony. An enterprising street orator has told his audience of coolies that Sir Cecil Clementi is going home to discuss Britain's participation in the war as an ally, not of China, but of the Nationalist Party!

Captain Robert Dollar's name has also been dragged into the discussion. His visit, of course, must be connected with the dispute between China and Japan (so say the gossips) he cannot stay here because he has to hurry back to urge America's immediate intervention in the interests of Nationalist China!

THE STREET ORATOR.

About the frog and why it will overcome Japan in spite of her modern fighting forces.

The sun rises in the east, it is argued, Japan is situated to the east of China. Proximity to the direction from which the sun appears is a vastly desirable factor. In fact (according to the superstition) it is bound to bring power in its train.

Four words in Chinese classic literature have a bearing on the subject. The first two are concerned with the sun and the east. The other two constitute the name of one of the Japanese big warships which paid a visit to Hong Kong a few weeks ago. The rising sun and a Japanese man-of-war—an excellent combination from the point of view of strength.

Frog—"Do Your Stuff!" Whenever there is an eclipse, either of the sun or moon, the uneducated Chinese say that a Frog Deity is making a meal. To prevent him depleting the universe of its component parts, people sound their gongs and, if they have not a gong, beat a kerosene tin to scare him away.

It is accepted, then, that the frog can devour the sun. The first of the two characters in Nippon (Japan) means sun. The deduction is obvious. Imprint a huge frog on the Nationalist Army's ensign and the war will then become a matter of pre-arranged destiny. Armed with the symbol of the Frog Deity, Chiang Kai-shek need fear nothing more from Japan.

I have not been able to ascertain if the man who tried to convince me about this has seriously passed on the idea to Chiang Kai-shek.

The Jingoists.

The tragedy of Tsinan is hardly an appropriate topic for jest. Nor is further fighting desirable. Yet political propaganda has been so thorough and effective and the creed of antagonism to all foreigners so sinister that it is extremely difficult to preach the necessity of peace. The masses have been led by word and by inference to expect miracles of the Nationalist forces. Accordingly, the disciplines of jingoism cannot be blamed altogether. Their name is legion and they speak in all seriousness when they advocate a declaration of war by China against Japan.

Consequences of such a campaign have no horrors for them. But will it be worth China's while, one asks. Will China stand even a remote chance of victory?

Britain and America.

Here the jingoists are in their element. By sheer weight of numbers, they shout, we can crush Japan's army and navy. What of Japan's tremendous advantage in the possession of all the means for waging war, one counters. The jingoists reply with disdain—but with full confidence—that China will get all the help she needs in that direction from other Great Powers.

Britain will send shiploads of weapons and munitions. America will contribute her carloads of gold. And if China cannot win

then, why, these two Powers—to mention no other—will actively intervene, they say.

Explanations with the best of intentions are futile. The jingoists claim evidence of a superlative degree.

"State Secrets."

Peddlars of quack medicine have a monopoly of street oratory in Hong Kong. They inevitably lead off with a diatribe on something topical and talk with a supposed patriotic motive. China's weakness and then the physical defects of the Chinese are stepping stones. Then comes the infallible cure—a pill which the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang is alleged to have sustained him in old age, or a plaster which will cause one to be envied by the strong men of history. When the crowd has been roused to a pitch of enthusiasm the sale begins.

One such speaker was discoursing on the departure of His Excellency the Governor who is taking a well-earned holiday. The fact that Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Canton, attended the official send-off at Queen's Pier was referred to with knowing emphasis. "What has Mr. Chu come for," the orator asks, "I will tell you the secret." Lowering his voice to add a touch of impressiveness, but more likely to avoid possible attention by passing policemen, he says:

The Governor's "Mission."

"Of course Mr. Chu had official instructions. Through Marshal Li Chai-sum, the Nationalist Government at Nanking has pleaded with Sir Cecil Clementi for British help in the war which is sure to be waged against Japan. And why did the Governor not go at any other time but this? Because the occasion has arisen for him to confer with the British King about sending arms and munitions to China!"

"Oh yes," he adds, waving his hand in the air. "A war in China of Japan's domination of Shantung will be fatal to British trade with China. That is why you can be certain that Britain will intervene whenever necessary."

But he forgot to explain why, if war is going to affect Britain adversely, Britain is going to be foolish enough to contribute arms and munitions to make war an accomplished fact.

Robert Dollar's Ships.

Captain Robert Dollar's name cropped up in a discussion in a respectable Nam Pak Hong firm. The writer had mentioned the report that Chinese residents had pledged themselves to contribute Mex. \$15,000,000 in the event of war between China and Japan.

"Robert Dollar is not stopping over in Hong Kong, is he," asked a well-known broker. "No, but what has that got to do with Tsinan," a prospective patron intervened.

The broker referred to the veteran shipowner's friendship for the Chinese and to the traditional animosity which he alluded to exist between the Americans

CORPSE FOUND.

Robber in the Shauiwan "Battle."

BULLET-PIERCED BODY.

The Sea Gives Up Its Secret To The Police.

On more of the armed robbers who were repulsed in the pitched battle at Shauiwan in the early hours of Thursday morning has been accounted for.

At the time, the Police were confident that more than one had been killed by the fusillade from the obsolete muskets used by the fishermen's fleet. The sea has now given up its secret.

Just before sunset yesterday, a corpse was found by a Water Police launch floating to the west of Chaiwan, not far from the scene of the fight.

Shot Passed Right Through. The body was towed back to Kowloon Mortuary. On examination, it was found that a bullet had entered the left of the abdomen and passed right through the trunk of the body.

There were eleven cartridges in the pockets. Inquiries followed till the small hours of this morning when any doubt that may have existed was removed.

It will be recalled that the body of one robber was found immediately after the fight, together with a number of firearms in the robbers' boat. Since then one man has been detained; now another robber has been proved to have been killed.

MR. V. H. MULLER.

DEATH OCCURS AT BEYRUH IN SYRIA.

IN HONG KONG BEFORE.

Mr. V. H. Muller, the founder of Messrs. Muller and Phipps (Asia), Ltd., importers of No. 5, Queen's-road Central, died on Thursday at the branch office in Beyruh, Syria.

The firm's head office is in New York. Mr. Muller visited Hong Kong a few years ago.

MARINES FOUND.

THREE DESERTERS ON THE S.S. "TAIPIING."

IN POLICE CUSTODY.

The three Marines who were reported as deserters from H.M.S. "Berwick" were discovered yesterday afternoon aboard the s.s. "Taiping."

The men are:—
T. Clark,
F. Moxon,
R. T. Brown.

The trio had been missing since Saturday last. The following day their uniforms were reported to have been picked up in Middle-road, Kowloon.

All three are now in police custody.

COTTON TRADING.

SENATE'S CONDEMNATION OF "PREDICTIONS."

A NEW BILL.

Washington, Yesterday. One result of the efforts of the Senate Committee now investigating cotton trading with a view to remedying alleged unsound practices have been the passage of the bill by the Senate fixing a penalty of \$15,000 or five years' imprisonment in cases where Government officers publish or authorize publication of predictions in cotton prices.

The bill has been sent to the House of Representatives.—Reuters' American Service.

and the Japanese. After asking where and how long Captain Dollar had stayed before coming to Hong Kong, the broker maintained that Captain Dollar must be committed to using his great influence towards securing American assistance. "Why Captain Dollar," the prospective patron asked. "Because he has ships in which munitions can be sent over," the broker replied.

The subsequent argument reached fever heat. The writer stayed long enough to see the

GREAT COME BACK.

Hagen Wins British Golf Title.

SCORE OF 292.

Sarazen Placed Second And Archie Compton Third.

Sandwich, To-day. The British Open Golf Championship was won by Walter Hagen, America, who returned a score of 292.

Sarazen was second (73-294), Compton, third (73-295), Robson fourth (73-298), and Alliss fourth (72-298).

Other scores were:—
Aubrey Boomer (72-301).
Jurado (80-301).
Barnes (71-301).
Melhorn (77-302).
Davies (73-304).
Taggart (78-305).
Whiting (75-305).
Jack Smith (74-306).
Perkins (72-307).
Twine (76-307).
Burns (83-309).
Hezlet (76-309).
Evans, an amateur of Rye (78-309).
Duncan (80-310).
Mitchell (76-311).

Duncan was bracketed 19th with Cotton and McCulloch, and

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BOYCOTT SPREADS.

Penetrates 1,000 Miles Up The Yangtze.

HAS REACHED ICHANG.

Japanese Assemble For Safety In N.K.K. Building.

There are indications that the wave of feeling against Japan is spreading rapidly all over China. The tide has penetrated a thousand miles up the Yangtze River to the Treaty port of Ichang.

According to a Naval wireless despatch, an anti-Japanese boycott is already in force at Ichang, which is in the west of Hupeh province. For safety, the Japanese resident there have assembled in the N.K.K. building but the city is still quiet.

It will be recalled that the first wave reached Nanking and Shanghai. Then it moved up to Wuhu and other places.

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IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY THE MAIL MEN.

"Three Weeks in Paris" is advertised as a cinema attraction at the Star. . . . What's three weeks in Paris to anyone who lives in Kowloon?

A Silver Suspender goes this week to Dr. T. W. Ware, of the Government Medical Department. . . . He delivered a lecture on mosquitoes in Hong Kong without the aid of a map of Taipei.

Reuter begins the news of the Holland-Batavia air service by telling how much nearer India, Java and Australia will be brought to London. . . . But the last paragraph about the £300 fare, however, seems to be the anti-clim(b)ax to one's flight of fancy.

After being rudely awakened early in the morning by a pitched battle between armed robbers and fishermen, Shock-l-wan seems an appropriate name.

The fact that the robbers used a cinder boat bears out the contention that there was always something dirty about their game.

A lawyer has had his pocket picked. . . . Strictly speaking, this is not legal.

How to get a nicely patterned suit. . . . Lean back in a Peak tram car.

A gardener was dismissed for taking a plant from his employer's garden. A rift in the lute caused by liftin' the root!

"Increase in Colony's business," says a heading. . . . and a decrease in our business men's club hours?

Which reminds us—the above news has already occasioned four fainting fits, and six heart attacks among office staffs. Hospital reports are favourable, and an increase in Home passenger traffic is anticipated.

"Fashion smiles on Red Hats," we are told. D'you remember what we used to say about the blighters in 1914-18?

News from the front—civil war is still ceasing.

"Britain and Air—Statement in the Commons." . . . These two headings in Thursday's "China Mail" were only another reminder of that hot ingredient in the Parliamentary atmosphere.

"Shingling secrets to be broadcast," says a headline. On a permanent wave-length, probably.

"Life in the Navy to-day,"—headline. . . . Isn't that what men join to see?

Money dumped on the market lately from this source is believed to prove difficult of absorption—vide Reuter, from Tokyo, about the Japanese Government's loan of \$70,000,000 to 85 banks. . . . Many a Hong Kong-ite will volunteer to do all the absorbing on his own if they dumped it here instead.

"When the \$40,000 damages claim again came before the Chief Justice. . . .

"The case was one in which Kwik Djeon-yung . . . sued Tsang Fook . . . for \$40 damages, or alternatively, as money received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiff . . ."

"graph" in announcing that judgment for \$11,000 was agreed upon by the parties.

Somebody must have felt cheap that day!

"I hear that one of the griffins. . . . will be seen no more. This is Comrade, which has been shot,"—local sports notes. . . . Is That So?

Mr. Joshi, President of the Bombay Textile Labour Union, has received 21,000 rupees from Moscow. —Reuters. . . . Yes, he must be jolly to get all that.

In New York a soprano has been turned into a contralto. This is remarkable, but it is quite common, of course, for a bass to be turned

into a baritone—singing's turkey work.

We trust race-meets will not seem that they are going to Mexico for week-end.

At a recent C.I.M. conference one of the speakers was "a member of a large family who have devoted their lives to missionary work". . . . all their lives?

Tsinan appears to have been a city of hate at first sight.

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The guest who had trouble with his r's, and who, when he asked his host if he could give him something to weed, was gratefully conducted to the lawn.

Timber piles adrift are characterised as a menace to shipping. . . . we could name a few more here in Hong Kong.

"Two solicitors, Louis Victor and Harold John Rich, were summoned at London Guildhall, the first for driving a motor car without a licence and the second for 'employing' him to do so. Mr. Victor was fined 10s. and Mr. Rich 20s."—London report. . . . So Victor was loser and Rich poorer.

What a great thing the interport tennis match at Shanghai will be if the Hong Kong ladies team won and the men—also won!

"A witty phrase has more than once been responsible for the return of the sword to its scabbard," comments an historian. So the pun, too, is mightier than the sword.

"the aviators gave a parting salute in the shape of firing Verrey Lights."—S.C.M.P. . . . Must have been a Verrey pretty sight, as well as shapely.

Speaking on witnesses and lawyers the Chief Justice this week said, inter alia, that he will prevent counsel acting as a bully . . . and a witness from being cowed, we suppose.

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By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26th May and on MONDAY, 28th May, 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
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Hong Kong, 11th May, 1928.

**THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 17th May, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

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Teak Extension Dining Table, Teak Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Teak Glass Cabinets, Tables, Silver and E. Ware, Glass Ware, Dinner Service, Tea Set, Electric Ceiling Fan, Brass Standard Lamp with Silk Shades, Electric Lamps and Fittings, Teak Ice Chests, etc., etc.,
Teak Bedstead, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Glass Doors, Teak Dressing Tables, Chest of Drawers, etc.,
Enamelled Bath and Bath Room Requisites.

Also
A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture
And
A Large Cooking Range and Hot Water Tank and Cooking Utensils.

For the convenience of intending purchasers, a bus will run from the Queen's Pier leaving at 2 p.m., and returning at 6 p.m., on day of Sale. Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Saturday, the 12th May, 1928.

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Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 8th May, 1928.

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RESEARCH NURSERY

BRAIN BLIGHT CAUSE OF
SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY.

'CRIMINALS IN THE CRADLE.'

New York.—Convinced that the only effective method of abolishing crime is to check it in infancy, leading neurologists at New York have determined to create a nursery, to cost \$2,000,000, for the purpose of eliminating criminal tendencies at the root.

Many wealthy Americans listened with deep interest to the members of the medical board of the New York Neurological Institute, who urged the establishment of a fund for the study and treatment of the "brain blight" which causes so many life failures and potential criminals.

Dr. Frederick Tilney, one of America's best-known mental specialists, declared that brain-blight before birth denies many persons a chance even to start with an adequate equipment for a happy adjustment to life. He said that before birth ten billions of cells slowly take their places to form the human brain, and the slightest change in the admixture and combination of the chemical materials may cause a retardation in brain growth and produce many anti-social criminal tendencies.

The research programme of the proposed nursery will permit a profound study to be made of factors such as the development of poisons before birth and pre-natal conditions which may make failures or criminals.—"Daily Telegraph."

SIR C. RUSSELL.

LAWYER WHO KNEW SECRETS
OF SOCIETY.

London.—Sir Charles Russell, Bt., the famous solicitor and guardian of the secrets of half of the people prominent in the social world, died in a London hospital following an operation. He was sixty-five years of age, and had been a prominent figure in the legal world for more than thirty years. Sir Charles was the second son of the famous Lord Russell of Killowen, and decided early in life to choose his father's original branch of the law—Lord Russell had been a solicitor in Ulster before he was called to the English Bar—and was articled to Sir John Hollands. He was only thirty when he was given his first big case, that of acting for the British Agent in the Behring Sea arbitration between Great Britain and the United States.

Flood of Work.
The case made him famous, and work poured into his office in Norfolk-street, Strand. He had, too, the habit, unusual among solicitors, of going about in society. His short, stout figure, his powerful face, and his fund of witty stories were known everywhere. His personality attracted clients who had need of somebody in whom they could place complete confidence.

He acted for the late Marquis of Queensberry in the Wilde trial, and for Lady Oxford in the case which, as Mrs. Asquith, she brought against the "Globe" during the war. Dukes and duchesses, and, indeed, a considerable percentage of the peerage, were among his clients. There was scarcely a famous lawsuit during the past quarter of a century in which he was not concerned on one side or the other.

He had, naturally, an intimate knowledge of the incessant tide of family disputes, unrevealed scandals, and domestic troubles which never reach the courts, but are smoothed out and settled by the wise counsel of such men as he was through the years of his busy life. To take only one instance, his position as solicitor to the National Hunt Committee and the Jockey Club gave him unrivalled knowledge of all that goes on behind the scenes in the racing world.

Paradox.
He was a paradox in many ways, for to his immense private practice he added a long list of public and semi-public appointments, that of solicitor to the Government of the Dominion of Canada among them. He was an Ulsterman by birth, and yet a strong Home Ruler in the old days, and a devout Roman Catholic. He was a man of boundless energy, always overworked, and yet always ready to accept any new responsibility which appealed to him.

Sir Charles was a great authority on Dr. Johnson, and possessed one of the finest collections of relics of that indomitable man of letters. He was made president of the Johnson Club in 1925.

He was created a baronet in 1916, and the heir to the title is his nephew, Captain Alec Russell.

A teacher was giving a lecture on charity. "Willie," he said, "if I saw a boy beating a donkey and stopped him from doing so, what virtue would I be showing?"

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WOMAN & TRAGEDY.

REGARDED AS A CRIME
FACTOR.

4 MURDERS IN 3 DAYS.

Brussels.—Cases of murder and suicide in which woman is the deciding factor have been more than ordinarily frequent in Belgium during the last three days, says a London contemporary to hand.

At Paturages, near Mons, M. and Mme. Massin were shot dead in the street by a man for whom the woman had once deserted her husband. The murderer then went to his own home and put a bullet through his brain.

At Antwerp on the same evening outside a police-station Mme. Van Linter, 58, was killed by a man who cut her throat with a razor and who afterwards attempted suicide. His excuse for his crime was that the dead woman's son had stolen his wife.

In a train just outside Brussels a man who attempted to interfere with a girl became frightened when she screamed and jumped on to the line. His dead body was discovered by a railwayman.

At Serang, near Liege, on the previous Sunday night a young man who had spent the evening at a dance with a divorced woman was told by the latter that she could not meet him again. A few moments later she lay dead in the road-way shot through the heart.

It is just as easy to buy a fully-loaded revolver anywhere in Belgium as it is to buy a loaf of bread.

HUMAN FLY.

CLIMBS TO FOURTH FLOOR
AND EATS SOAP.

Berlin.—A young man astonished the passers-by by climbing up a house-front in one of the busiest squares. On reaching the fourth storey he entered a flat and assured the woman occupant that she was safe, but she fled.

The intruder thereupon locked himself in, washed, and ate a cake of soap. He took an overcoat and some gloves and re-appeared with a picture, which he threw down to the crowd.

Meanwhile the fire brigade and a police flying squad had been summoned.

The intruder resumed his climb and dogged his pursuers in a break-neck chase across the rooftops until he disappeared into a loft, where he was captured.

When he was placed in a cell he climbed to a window 12 feet high, from where he recited nursery rhymes to the passers-by.

The man, who gave his name as "Prince Joachim of Prussia," proved to be an escaped lunatic. He was sent to an asylum.

When an attendant was taking him to safe quarters the lunatic felled him with a blow, swarmed up the high outer wall, and disappeared into the darkness.

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UNIQUE HONOUR.

UNUSUAL DISTINCTION FOR
AMERICAN BABY.

MAHARANEE FOR GODMOTHER.

An unusual ceremony took place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on March 25, when an American baby was christened by the Dean of Windsor, Dr. Albert Baillie, and given the names Betty Lou.

The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nedell, who are playing the leading parts in "Square Crooks" at the Prince of Wales Theatre. They are friends of the Dean of Windsor, and it is due to this fact that Betty Lou is the first American citizen to have the honour of being christened in St. George's Chapel.

As the nave of St. George's is in the hands of the builders the service took place in the Rutland Chapel, a bay on the north side. The congregation was a small one, the party entering the chapel by the Dean's cloister, states the "Morning Post."

Rance As Godmother.

The godmothers were the Hon. Lady Lawson, daughter of Baroness Burton, and niece of the Dean of Windsor, and the Rance of Sarawak, who was represented by Captain Barry Gifford, wearing the uniform of the Royal Air Force. The godfather was Mr. Philip Lord, who was in the uniform of the American Naval Reserve.

The christening was performed in the Jacobean font in which Charles II. was baptised, and which has recently been brought from the Beaufort Chapel because it is impossible to use the large font in the nave. Lady Lawson acted as sponsor, and handed the baby to the Dean.

After the register had been signed the party went to the Deanery as guests of the Dean, and on leaving several photographs of Mrs. Nedell, and her baby were taken.

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**A WEEK'S PAPERS
IN ONE****"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"**

CHINA NEWS, LOCAL NEWS
AND ALL THE NEWS

SEND IT HOME!

Till a few years ago, there was an opinion that social and other activities in the Colony dwindled down considerably during the summer. This is not the case in the "hustle" of modern times.

The latest issue of the "Overland China Mail" has among its features, the following for one week's events in Hong Kong:—

Departure of H.E. the Governor and assumption of office by Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern.

Copious extras from the report of the University, showing the part it takes in public life.

A review of the activities of the Roman Catholic Church in China by Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, M.A.

Presentations of colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Dedication of "pai lau" in memory of Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War.

Laying of foundation stone at Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, with address by H.E. the Governor.

Judgment by the Full Court in the Chater Estate appeal cases.

Presentation of the Silver Wolf to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Pride of place must be given, however, to the Tsinan incident which has brought so much bloodshed to the Chinese and Japanese and has evoked the widest interest all over the world. The "Overland" account is not merely a tabulated list of cables and messages. Explanations and comment where necessary, so that non-Chinese can comprehend what is taking place, will be found with our report.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by

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SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang) Saturday, 19th May.

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INDUS MARU Wednesday, 20th June.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-EL-BALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Friday, 1st June.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Friday, 25th May.

TACOMA MARU Monday, 28th June.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and
Japan ports.

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AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai) Thursday, 21st May.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Friday, 8th June 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
ALPARI MARU Sunday, 13th May.

TACOMA MARU Thursday, 24th May.
HEIYO MARU Friday, 25th May.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KISHU MARU Sunday, 13th May Noon.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 13th May Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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SOURABAYA MARU Wednesday, 6th June.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

HARLAND & WOLFF.
BIGGER OUTPUT, BUT PRICES
UNREMNUNERATIVE.
A MILLION RESERVE.

The annual report of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., states that after payment of the dividend of 6 per cent. on the first Preference shares and making a transfer from reserve account, the balance at the credit of profit and loss account is £95,202 15s. 2d., which is being carried forward to the next account. The reserve account now stands at £1,000,000.

In the last report, dated April, 1927, reference was made to the continued partial suspension of operations at the shipyards, due to the shortage of material consequent upon the general strike and prolonged coal stoppage. This, says the report, together with the fact that, in order to keep the regular workmen more fully employed during the depression in the industry, certain work was undertaken at unremunerative prices, materially affected the results of the past year. With the work at present in hand, the results of the year 1928 should show a very substantial improvement.

The shipbuilding and engineering output of the company from its establishments at Belfast, Glasgow and Greenock during the past five years to December 31, 1927 (exclusive of the output from the yards of the associated companies) has been:—

	Gross Tonnage.	Horse Power.
1927	94,700	80,575
1926	88,333	73,470
1925	113,500	88,540
1924	105,389	88,400
1923	102,006	71,450

The tonnage of passenger and cargo vessels launched in 1927 again places the company at the head of the list of shipbuilders in regard to the amount of such tonnage launched during the year. This is the twenty-first occasion upon which the company has taken first place in the annual tonnage returns. During the past year the assets of two of the subsidiary companies have been incorporated in the company's balance-sheet. This accounts for the increase in the amount at credit of controlled companies.

As mentioned in previous reports, the company owns a controlling interest in Messrs. David Colville and Sons, Limited, steel-makers, and through them owns the share capital of Messrs. Archibald Russell, Limited, the Scottish coal-masters. No dividends have been paid by these two companies in respect of the year 1927, but profits were earned and carried forward, and the prospects for the current year are more encouraging.

N.Y.K. EXCURSIONS.

FROM HONG KONG TO JAPAN.

The local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha state they have decided to issue "summer excursion tickets" between Hong Kong and Japan, commencing June 11 and ending September 21, in order to afford every facility to residents in Hong Kong and vicinity to take summer vacations in Japan, the rates of passages being as follows:—

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CARGO HANDLING.
COMPLAINTS AS TO SPEED
AND COST.
LABOUR ARRANGEMENTS.

Great Britain possesses a large number of ports, and these are exceptionally well placed in relation to the great groups of population when compared with those of other industrial countries, and they are served by extensive transport systems both on sea and land.

It is, nevertheless, obvious that however numerous and suitably placed the ports may be, and however extensive the transport systems serving them, trade will not flourish if the ports are not efficiently conducted.

The available evidence in regard to the efficiency of the ports and docks given to the Committee on Industry and Trade, which has just issued its report on "Further Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency," shows that there is a considerable volume of complaint by manufacturers, traders and shipowners as to both the speed and the cost of handling the ships and their cargoes.

As to the speed of handling, states the committee's report, it is contended that there is from time to time very serious congestion and delay, particularly in regard to the country's principal bulk export, coal. Supposing these complaints to be justified and that the conditions complained of are not unavoidable, the lack of speed must be due either to defective management, defective appliances and lay-out, or to inefficiency or bad organisation of labour. All these have, in fact, been blamed. It has, for example, been suggested that the arrangements for bringing coal to the ships and the loading appliances provided are defective, while various detailed criticisms have been made in respect of certain ports as to the lay-out of railway lines, the design of port entrances and docks, the types of hoists and conveyers, etc. Complaints also are made in regard to labour arrangements.

Difficulties With Coal Trimmers. As an example, shipowners lay stress upon the difficulties in connection with the coal trimmers, the men employed to trim the coal placed in the holds or bunkers of vessels so that it is safely and economically stowed. No complaint is made of the efficiency of the work done; but the complaint has two sides, one as to hours and the other as to wages. In regard to hours, the coal trimmers before the war at busy ports worked long hours, which covered both day and night. Since the war this has not been the case. Various agreements have been made in the different areas, e.g., the North-East Coast, the Humber, the Bristol Channel, and South Wales; and the provisions of these agreements differ from area to area in regard to the working of overtime and of extra hours to facilitate the despatch of vessels.

The abolition of night shift working is, however, common throughout the country except at two staiths on the Tyne and on the Bristol Channel, where special arrangements have been made enabling a night shift to be worked under certain conditions. The shipowners in their evidence before the Committee on Industry and Trade stated that this re-arrangement of hours as compared with those worked before the war had led to a great increase in the length of time taken both in bunkering and loading vessels.

As to wages, there were before the war different agreements in operation in the various main coaling areas, but in August, 1920, a "National Tariff" was agreed upon. This entailed a great increase over pre-war rates, as it represented in most cases a small increase over the 1919 rates, which were themselves considerably more than double the 1914 rates. At the same time a National Joint Trimming Committee, consisting of representatives of the shipowners, and the trimmers, was established to decide all questions arising under the tariff. The tariff has been the subject of various negotiations and amendments since its adoption, and in July, 1925, when the shipowners complained of it to the Committee on Industry and Trade, it stood at 33.1/3 per cent. below the level of August, 1920.

The representatives of the shipowners before the committee not only contended that this level was too high, but complained that the tariff was based upon the assumption that a ship occupying a loading or bunkering berth must pay the trimmers even though no work was done by them, the trimmer being paid for all coal put on board a vessel whether it involved

admitting that the rates varied according to the type of vessel and the part of the vessel in which the coal was loaded, they maintained that more advantageous rates for vessels in which the work was comparatively easy would encourage the further construction of improved types of vessels and the employment of improved mechanical means of loading.

In reply to these contentions, the representatives of the trimmers, it is understood, point out that they have no guarantee as to payment, except for actual work done, and that the payment under the tariff is on a piece-work basis. As to the question of "easy trimmers" and of improved mechanical devices, it is pointed out that the employers by their introduction receive an advantage in the way of early despatch, and that what may appear to be high rates for easy work only compensates the trimmers for what they regard as very low rates for exceedingly arduous work on vessels not specially constructed for coal carrying.

As has been said, this question of the coal trimmers is mentioned as an example of the difficulties which exist; and for the purposes of this chapter it will be sufficient to record that, in consequence of a disagreement on the National Joint Trimming Committee, a Court of Investigation (under the Conciliation Act 1896), was set up by the Minister of Labour in September, 1925, and that the report of the Chairman of the Court stated that, as a whole, the tariff was working satisfactorily, and was being operated with goodwill on both sides.

Decasualisation. As a result of recommendations in this report, a reduction in the general tariff rates to 40 per cent. below the level of August, 1920, was adopted, together with certain modifications estimated to involve a further reduction of from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. on tariff rates. As regards ordinary dock labour there is some complaint as to the effect of the 8-hour day on costs and speed of handling, but the principal difficulty in regard to general dock labour is the question of decasualisation.

While these complaints are made, it is noteworthy that a body, known as the Port Facilities Committee, was appointed in the autumn of 1923 by the Chamber of Shipping. This Committee on which a number of shipowners and representatives of the Federation of British Industries and of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce served, made a series of detailed inspections of British ports. Its report, published in May, 1924, contained a review of the position in 30 individual ports and made numerous detailed suggestions for their improvement. The principal conclusions arrived at were that in certain ports the handling of railway traffic is impeded by "bottle necks," that in many instances port entrances and locks require improvement, that at certain ports new docks and quays and increased area of existing docks and quays are required, that at some ports parts of the system of docks and discharging berths are obsolete by reason of the increased size of modern steamers, and that various improved discharging methods should be installed. The Committee stated that ready and sympathetic consideration was given by port authorities to their recommendations; and, bearing in mind the detrimental

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effect of four years of war and five years of difficult post-war conditions, they concluded that, generally speaking, the port authorities are alive to the need for developing their ports. The report stated that in many cases schemes of improvement were actually being proceeded with and others were in contemplation, and that the spirit animating the port authorities augured well for future development. As to the position in regard to labour, the Committee considered that much good would result if local port committees co-opted representatives of labour to co-operate with them. In their evidence to the Committee on Industry and Trade the Chamber of Shipping expressed the view that the Port Facilities Committee's report has shown that, taking all things into consideration, British ports have kept pace with modern improvements in processes, i.e., methods of handling and storage, but that there is need for improvement in many ports. Turning to the question of costs, there are two main aspects of the problem—the dues and charges levied by the port authorities on vessels and cargoes using the ports, and the charges for loading and discharging which in the majority of cases are outside the control of the port authorities. The shipowners point out that high costs at British ports are directly injurious to overseas trade, and that every effort should therefore be made to reduce them. They also point out, however, that the cost of handling is far more serious than the actual dock and harbour dues; and an example provided in the report of the Port Facilities Committee showed that, taking round figures, the cargo costs in 1924 at United Kingdom ports were 3s. a ton, of which 1s. represented pilotage, towage, lights and dues, and 2s. represented discharging and tallying.

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hazardous Godowns of Holt's
Wharf, whence delivery may be
obtained.

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the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after 17th May, 1928, will be
subject to rent.

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must be presented to the Under-
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nised.

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
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delivery may be obtained.

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the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 18th inst., will be
subject to rent.

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must be presented to the Under-
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or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
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are landed.

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the goods have left the Godowns,
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after the 15th May, 1928, at
4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godown,
where they will be examined by
Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on 12th
May, 1928, at 10 a.m.

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must be presented to the Under-
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"NO CASE."

WIFE KILLED IN "LEGITI-
MATE SELF-DEFENCE."

Paris.—The Court entered a deci-
sion of "No case" in a family shoot-
ing tragedy in which a 27-years-old
accountant named Notheber was
the central figure.

Notheber decided to divorce his
wife, who, however, would not
agree to give up the eldest
daughter, although she was to
have charge of the two younger
daughters.

On the day fixed for the separa-
tion the wife fired on the husband
while he was shaving, and also shot
the three children, killing the two
younger and wounding the eldest.

Notheber, who was also wounded,
seized the revolver and shot his
wife dead. The Court decided that
he acted in legitimate self-defence.

THE VERDICT.

"A VERY GOOD NAVY" SAY
THE NAVY.

SATISFIED WITH MANŒUVRES

Gibraltar.—"Two-thirty a.m., Sir,
hands going to night action sta-
tions." Thus was I informed that
a state of "war" existed, and that
the Fleet was about to enter the
mythical channel in which a battle
of giants was to be fought out.

In the pitch darkness I scrambled
up ladder after ladder to the
high compass platform of the "War-
spite," where many dim figures were
already at their stations, making
cryptic remarks down voice-pipes
as they assured themselves that
everything was ready.

For here the passage was nar-
row, and we expected to meet the
enemy destroyers before daylight.
Conditions were ideal for them
in this smooth sea, with the moon
high in the southern sky and the
first flush of daylight on the eastern
horizon.

Soon the stillness was broken by
gunfire a long way astern as the
enemy made their first attack upon
our precious aircraft carrier
"Eagle," and then attack after at-
tack was hurled at the leading
ships of our battle line. The
enemy covered up under a smoke
screen after each attack and disap-
peared, but they by no means had
it all their own way, for it was
now getting light and small craft
cannot venture within range of the
guns of a battleship except in the
dark, writes a Naval correspondent
to the "Morning Post."

Submarine Immune.

As the golden rosy dawn broke
astern there was a beautiful and
wonderfully realistic picture made
to the eastward by the flashes of
guns and searchlights through the
clouds of drifting smoke.

All the forenoon we steamed
steadily on in line ahead, with oc-
casional aircraft humming above
us. In the smooth sea, many a
periscope was reported, though
most reports were false alarms, but
four times before noon the sinis-
ter forms of submarines rose from
the depths on completing their at-
tacks.

They lay still upon the surface
and watched the Fleet pass by with
an air of smug satisfaction. But
they had been given an easy task
for no counter measures against
them are safe to peace time. Had
it been possible for destroyers and
aircraft to harry and worry them
with depth charges and bombs,
their tale of apparent success
would have been very difficult.

The visibility was now extraor-
dinary and the masts and funnels
of ships below the horizon could
be seen from our bridge at a dis-
tance of well over twenty miles.

Presently a mast and two funnels
were recognised as the "Hood," and
gradually she rose out of the sea
until her turrets and upper-works
could be seen skimming along the
horizon without, apparently, any
ship below them. With her were
"Renown" and "Repulse," and
then the strange and al-
most unbelievable profile of the
"Nelson" appeared, followed by the
four "Iron Dukes."

Wonderful Smoke Screen.

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two great Fleets being in full sight
of one another, whilst still outside
gun-range. Gradually the distance
between the ships was shortened,
and a fleet action followed, which
was much more spectacular than
usual owing to the restricted
waters in which it was fought
causing many alterations of course.

After half an hour Blue decided
to retire, and he made a strange
and most effective smoke screen
behind which he turned to the
westward, breaking off the action.
Ship after ship was blotted out by
enormous clouds of smoke, which
obscured the western horizon until
only the "Hood" remained visible in
a gap in the smoke, and she must
have received a bad hammering
from the concentrated fire of our
battleships.

A lull ensued until sunset, a
sunset gorgeous beyond descrip-
tion, with such colours that if any
man had painted them he would not
have been believed. Westward
into the afterglow the fleet steam-
ed over a glassy sea, preparing for
what was to come during the night.
Our main defence was invisibility
and not a light was to be seen,
but on a wonderful night like this
there was little hope of avoiding a
vigilant enemy.

There was no moon, but the sky
was lit by myriads of stars, the sea
was absolutely smooth and so high-
ly phosphorescent that the bow
waves and wakes of the ships could
be seen more than a mile away.
On either bow our paravanes
could be seen towing steadily, con-
stantly surrounded by vivid silver
streaks, as inquisitive porpoises
played around them.

Heavy Ships in Battle.

Our enemy left us alone until
the dawn of a new day, and then
the action recommenced, and the
Fleet was again in the thick of it.

then he hurled the whole of his
light forces at us, and for nearly
three hours alarm followed alarm.
The smoke screens made by the
destroyers after attacking formed
great black clouds that hung low
upon the water to the still air and
made conditions difficult and con-
fusing, not to say dangerous, with
so many ships moving in this, the
narrowest part of the channel.
At last we were through, with
not far to go to reach our goal,
and still some hope of reaching it.
But at 3 a.m. two powerful search-
lights shone out on our starboard
bow and stared steadily and bale-
fully at us for some minutes.
The enemy had placed his heavy
ships across our path—and we
fought a last battle to the night,
which must have ended to our dis-
advantage. As the moon rose out
of the sea at 3.30 a.m. the action
ceased and brought to a close
what was voted by all hands to be
a "very good war."

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MISERY."

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years ago and which only now has
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was then 23, was unable to stand
the sight of his mother's sufferings
and put a quick poison in a glass
of water and gave it her to drink.
She died the same night and was
buried without suspicion, but the
son became remorseful and tried
to commit suicide. He was saved
by relatives, to whom he confessed
the deed.

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REALITY IN EGYPT.

NAHAS PASHA FIRST TRUE
SUCCESSOR OF ZAGHLUL.

THE BRITISH DELUSION!

Mustapha Nahas Pasha is in a sense the first legitimate successor to Zaghlul. Since the day when the murder of Sir Lee Stack brought about the collapse of Zaghlul and brought the whole weight of British influence to bear against the Wafd party, the choice of an Egyptian Premier has not been dictated by the political complexion of the Egyptian Parliament. "Independent" Premiers have been chosen to save trouble for Egypt. Their independence consisted in non-membership of the strongest party in the House. The King appoints his Prime Minister; the Parliament elects its leader of the House. In normal conditions the two are identical, or at least of one party.

The appointment of Nahas Pasha in this way marks a return to normal conditions. The appointments of his predecessors, excellent men and stout Egyptian patriots as they were, were indications of the abnormal conditions which followed the fall of Zaghlul, and may at any time be brought into being by the presence in a country of a foreign garrison, which, however peacefully it may pass its days, gives a foreign Power immense political influence. It had been made extremely clear that the appointment of a Wafdist Prime Minister would be distasteful to the British Residency, the "Manchester Guardian" is informed by a special correspondent.

The Wafd, in spite of its electoral successes, had made itself many enemies by its abominable misrule; it had alienated the Palace and the Liberals alike; and these, thanks to that foreign political force which is not represented in electoral returns, were able to use methods of a constitutionally unjustifiable kind to reduce the enormous majority once held by the Wafd party. They were not able to get rid of it altogether, and Zaghlul's successors could hold office only because even their political opponents were ready to tolerate them rather than increase the difficulties of Egypt. Our own position at the end of Lord Allenby's Residency was extraordinarily strong.

The British Delusion.

That is not the state of affairs. Things have happened in Egypt which have put an end to the general unwillingness of all parties to challenge the hostility of the Residency. The most important of these things seems to have been the failure of the Residency to distinguish clearly between make-believe and reality. A make-believe pump is good for many purposes, but not for that of drawing water. Our polite and proper acceptance of Egyptian Premiers tolerated ad hoc by their countrymen was like Galileo's public admission that the sun moved round the world.

Galileo, however, even in the moment of making that formal admission privately reminded himself that in truth the world moved round the sun. We have not been so wise. We have not only recognised a sham shifting of the centre of the Egyptian political solar system, but have proceeded to actions that were based on the assumption that the sham shifting was a real one. This has been enough to startle the Egyptians into giving us an unmistakable intimation that the game of make-believe is at an end. Nor is this altogether regrettable. It is desirable that Anglo-Egyptian differences and causes of friction should sooner or later be settled on terms consistent with our own promises and with Egyptian aspirations. These things do not conflict. But it is by no means desirable that those differences should receive a quasi-settlement by virtue of an agreement consonant neither with our promises nor with Egyptian aspirations and negotiated with a Premier whose signature his country (or the politicians who represent or misrepresent it) are not prepared to back.

We attempted to come to an agreement with Sarwat Pasha. The negotiations that prepared that agreement were carried on in secret. If they had been carried on in public they would have had the same result, only a little sooner, in replacing the amenable Sarwat by the less amenable Nahas. We have been given yet another illustration of an old truth that it is better to deal with a man who can but will not "deliver the goods" than with a man who is willing to deliver them but has not got them to deliver.

The Outlook With Nahas.

We seem to be back again in a position not so good as that which Lord Allenby left, though not so bad as that morass of hatred and misunderstanding from which his conduct of our Egyptian policy happily extricated us. The reserved points are still unsettled, and we have experienced such Egyptian public opinion as exists by an attempt to get the settlement of them behind the back of the nation. It will be harder to come to an agreement with Nahas Pasha than with Sarwat Pasha.

BANK TO KITCHEN.

CLERK FORSAKES OFFICE
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SOME HUSBANDS FINE COOKS.

[By Lillian Joy.]

A number of men are doing their own cooking in these days either from necessity, or as a convenience, or for the sheer joy of it because they have a flair for cooking.

Two men who had been at one of the big public schools met on a cross-Channel boat. One said that he was a stockbroker and asked what the other was doing.

"I'm a chef," he said, "I started as bank clerk on £2 10s. a week, and when I had friends to dinner and cooked it myself they said, 'Why don't you take up cooking, old chap?' So I went to see the chef at one of the big hotels and asked him to teach me, and now I am getting £25 a week, exclusive of tips as second chef."

A barrister, who is himself a good cook, says that men cooks can invariably give points to a woman because men are really more interested in food than women. English women rarely know what a thing ought to taste like.

"I know one man," the barrister continued, "who can cook an omelette better than anyone else. He gained his first experience as a fag at Eton, and afterwards made the most of his opportunities of observing in his own menage, where close on a dozen servants were employed, and when dining out with his wife. He is now a widower, lives in a flat, and does all the cooking. He manages to prepare a dinner fit for a king when he has guests, and to partake of it himself in faultless evening dress. The dinner, of course, consists mainly of cold dishes."

"A Barrister's Soup Recipes."

"A recent menu included cold soup, cold boiled chicken and salad—the lettuce must be absolutely dry—trifle, and cheese soufflé."

The barrister cook has two ways of making soup. One is to put an onion and a couple of carrots with a teaspoonful of meat or vegetable extract in a pan with a quart of water. The other is to make a good nourishing stock with a cow's head which costs about 10d., and makes enough soup for two people for a week.

To give this a flavour he adds a little of the previous stock with a small quantity of any of the well-known sauces, some celery, salt, and generally a lump of sugar.

He gave a useful hint for those who do not like using tinned fruits. "I find them so much improved by boiling," he said, "Turn out the syrup, wash the fruit and put it in a pan with a couple of tablespoons of brown sugar for ten minutes."

"Best Butter" Cooking.

A well-known artist, who prefers to do his own cooking, thinks that his successful cookery is largely due to what many would call extravagance.

He always uses the best fresh butter for cooking, because, he says, "you eat it anyway, so why not in your cooking?" He also excels at omelettes. His favourite way of cooking a young chicken or a pheasant is to cut it up and stew it in a casserole, with mushrooms and a little milk and cream, and just before dishing up to add a glass of sherry.

His favourite sweet is cream whipped up and mixed with a little fruit syrup and served in small glasses with chopped cherries on the top.—"Evening Standard."

Nahas Pasha is not likely to be in a hurry in his dealings with ourselves. He is faced by a more urgent task. The Wafd is not what it was. Egypt's last experience of purely Wafdist rule was not a happy one, and Nahas Pasha's first task will be to wipe out some of the memories left by the last Wafdist Premiership in the minds of the other parties. If he can do that he will be better able not only than Sarwat but even than Zaghlul to assure those with whom eventually he may negotiate that in signing an agreement he is not also signing the resignation that makes the agreement waste paper.

FISHER-REPORT.

CIVIL SERVICE "LIKE
CAESAR'S WIFE."

ABOVE SUSPICION.

[By "Scrutator".]

The story of Mr. Gregory's speculations in francs makes it quite clear that the Foreign Office is not by way of getting any information that will help anyone to speculate successfully in the movements of currency. One might have guessed as much from the dilatoriness of its general news service, which is always twelve hours at least behind that of the newspapers, and, indeed, makes a virtue of avoiding that "intelligent anticipation of events" that is the basis of financial speculation. Every one at the Foreign Office who gambled in francs burnt his fingers, and that is exactly what one might have expected. Mr. Gregory and his friends might just as well have been gambling on horses or dogs.

There is, therefore, no question of objective injury to the State or of specific conflict of public and private interests, which is the essence of corruption, unless we take the view that no one who gambled on the scale of Mr. Gregory could possibly give his whole attention to his official duties. The injury was not so much in what happened as in what people might think was happening. As the Fisher Report well says, it is not the whole duty of a Civil Servant to avoid using his official position to serve his private interests. He must also so order his private affairs as to allow no suspicion to arise that a trust has been abused or a confidence betrayed. It is the old story of Caesar and his wife.

The Zinovief Letter.

It was inevitable that Mr. Gregory should be dismissed from the service; but the matter ought not to rest there. Labour, not content with having Mr. Gregory proved to be a gambler, is anxious also to saddle him with the responsibility for the publication of the Zinovief letter and for the defeat of the party at the last General Election. If Mrs. Dyer's former maid was right in the first of her allegations about the speculations in francs, why not in her other allegations from which, vague and disconnected as they are, the conclusion might be drawn that Mr. Gregory was actuated by improper, and it may be corrupt, malice against the Labour Party? Perhaps it is a sufficient answer to these supplementary suspicions that Mr. MacDonald, at any rate, does not share them, but believes the Foreign Office staff to have been perfectly loyal to himself. But it is a conclusive answer that even in the highly unlikely event of these suspicions being confirmed, no further punishment would be possible nor would any obvious reform be indicated. Such inquiries may gratify party suspicion and resentments, but can only lead to a blank wall.

A Question of Standards.

Is there not another direction of inquiry, more profitable because it fixes some measure of blame on ourselves who have not been punished and have it in our power to amend the fault? Does not the rule which prevents anyone from entering the higher order of service at the Foreign Office unless he has private means and sufficient social influence to secure a nomination put us in the wrong? If the State insists on a man having private means to put into the partnership of the service, is it quite logical in exacting the same standards of conduct as in other departments where the Civil Servant is asked to bring nothing but his brains, health, and good character to his work? May not the Foreign Office clerk say, "You pay me a salary insufficient for the expenses of my position, otherwise you would not insist on my having private means."

When a scandal occurs we should do more than re-indite the old maxims of public integrity in yet more beautiful copper-plate. We should proceed to practical reform. And the reform indicated by the latest scandal is that the Foreign Office should be recruited, like the Treasury, by open competition, that the financial qualification should be abolished, and that the scale of salaries for the highest posts in the service should be revised.—"Sunday Times."

If my private means save you expense, ought I not on that account to have rather more latitude in my investments and speculations?"

The argument, is of course not only fallacious, but highly dangerous to the best interests of the service, but there is sufficient point in it to prick the conscience uncomfortably. We must insist on a standard of integrity in the Civil Service that is not only inflexible but fastidious, but it follows that we, too, must be equally fastidious about our honour in our capacity of paymasters.

Inadequate Payment.

It does not show in us the nice standard of honour that we exact from the service to pay our servants less than the standard that they are supposed to keep up and to expect them to make up the difference out of their own private means. That is to expose them to the temptation of gambling with its treacherous promise of large profits without exertion. Mr. Gregory's salary when these transactions began is said to have been £800 a year. Even after his promotion to be Assistant Under-Secretary it was, according to the books of reference, something between £1,200 and £1,500 a year. This is very low payment indeed for the kind of work that he was doing—far lower than any business firm would pay for work of one-tenth the responsibility and one-thousandth of its potency for the national weal or woe.

True, there are compensations in the Civil Service—title and decorations, freedom from the accidents that beset all commercial enterprise, and an assured pension. On the other hand, there are, especially in the Foreign Office, very heavy entertainment expenses for which no allowance is made. It is true of the higher posts of the Civil Service, and especially in the Foreign Office, that the higher posts are scandalously underpaid.

That may be an unpopular view in these days, but it is the real operative and practical political moral of the francs scandal. No doubt there are men who would go wrong whatever their salary was; but, at any rate, the public conscience would be clear. We are beginning to suffer from the present system. The level of ability is lower in the Foreign Office than in other offices, precisely because our area of choice is more limited than it is for the Treasury and the other great Departments. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Civil Service to keep its very best men; our great Government Departments, if present tendencies persist, will become training grounds for private service, and will lose their men just when they are becoming indispensable.

Practical Reform.

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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

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Peak Hotel	1725
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St. David's	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

FINAL REHEARSAL.

EFFORTS SEEM TRITE AND
UNPROFITABLE.

GLEAM OF HOPE.

[By Edgar Wallace.]

Do you remember that day when we put down the play, looked at one another solemnly, and said: "That is a play!" And how we all sat round and decided that the only man to play "John Castors" was Godfrey Tearle or Owen Nares, or maybe John Barrymore?

"He'd want a million a week and his fare!" said somebody.

"Perhaps he'd travel second-class," I suggested hopefully.

Those were the days when the play was a play, when every line scintillated and every situation hit you in the eye.

How long ago was it? It must be more than a month, surely?

"I won't say that it is dull," said the producer, in his kindest mood. "It may play better than it rehearsed. It is—shall I say—sticky?"

It was sticky. It looked like sticking everybody except the audience. I could imagine my cynical conferees writing:—

"At the end of the play the author took a call. He was awfully well dressed but somewhat incompetent."

"It would be all right if it wasn't for the dialogue," said the star, smiling wanly. "I simply don't know what the dialogue means! I know, of course, that I'm speaking lines, but why?"

"You said that it was a good play the first time you heard it," I retorted bitterly.

The star meets my reproachful eyes brazenly.

"I said it might be," she says. "If it comes to that, it might be anything."

Leading Man Optimistic.

The leading man has hope.

"It is curious how well it went at the first rehearsal," he reminds us. "Do you remember how we couldn't act for laughing? And do you remember how one's hair stood up when the villain got the girl in his power?"

We remembered. A girl from a tea-shop brought in a tray. We watched its distribution, stirred our tea sombrely.

"Well, we've got to go through with it," said the manager. "Even if we flop we can always let in 'Jest'."

"Jest" is a play that is doing the grand tour of London. It is a good play, but no theatres are available. So it drops in between shows, stays a couple of weeks, and then moves on. You can never be quite sure whether "Jest" is at Drury Lane or at Everyman's. It ought to go on like this for years unless it gets run over in transit between the Gate House and Covent Garden.

"Jest" is every manager's hope. It is the most amazing insurance. You can put on any play you like, and if the critics get up and hoot you go to the nearest telephone and say: "Hello! Is that 'Jest'? You can have our theatre next week."

General Uncertainty.

What annoys the people who run "Jest" is when there are two flops a week. "Jest" likes to oblige everybody, but it refuses (and rightly) to play two houses a night.

"Yes," said the manager, "we can always get 'Jest'." He sighed cheerfully.

We don't know what's the matter with this play of mine. So long as it was on paper it was fine. Even in the early days, when engaging artists, it was rather wonderful.

And now—

"It may be cheaper to put up the notice the first night," said the producer. "Do it before the curtain goes up—it may bring us luck. Do you remember that play 'Sarsaparilla'? Tommy Dudd was in it. They put up a notice during rehearsal, and it ran for a month!"

Later I passed his office and heard him giving instructions to the printer.

"Put the author's name as big as you like—he's responsible..."

Isn't it strange how plays throw off all their disguise in the course of rehearsal and reveal themselves for what they are?

"You can't always have a success," said the comedian, who has the air and manner of an earnest Christian. "Personally, I'm not complaining. Luck's against me. This is the ninth successive play I've been in that has run for less than three weeks. I don't know what I've done to deserve it, but I'm a philosopher."

One of the principal characters wishes to be "let out." He doesn't think the part quite suits him. He is only thinking of me—his altruism brings tears to my eyes.

"You could get somebody much cheaper than me, old man, and they'd probably play the part better—well, I won't say that—nearly as well, let us say. I've been offered a part in 'Hearts Asunder,' and

MALARIA PROBLEM.

CEYLON'S LESSONS FROM
MALAYA.

VISITOR'S TRIBUTE.

The malarial problem in Ceylon, says the "Times of Ceylon," though not so great as that of the Federated Malay States, is nevertheless one of considerable gravity. In recent years, statistics have shown the actual disease to be on the increase, though the percentage of deaths has fallen. Mr. Brian Dyer, the Sanitary Engineer attached to the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services, has just returned to Colombo from a visit to the F.M.S., where he has been studying the methods used by our neighbour in fighting malaria.

Interviewed by a representative of the "Times of Ceylon," Mr. Dyer expressed himself in very enthusiastic terms of the work which has been, and is being, done in Malaya. "They have had the courage there," he said, "to make mistakes and profit by those mistakes. Their work in the way of reclaiming marshes and swamps, draining seepage, etc., is something marvellous."

Mr. Dyer explained how miles of subsoil pipes had been laid down in swamp areas at differing depths, each depth being tested to find out which gave the best results. He referred particularly to drainage work carried out at Gunong Pulai, some 40 miles above Singapore, where the Singapore Waterworks were erecting an elaborate dam to provide the port with an auxiliary water supply.

"At first," he said, "it was well-nigh impossible to recruit labour. Malaria was extremely bad and the death rate high. Experiments were made—admittedly involving a large amount of expenditure—and subsoil pipes were laid down at given depths. The seepage was drained away, and as a consequence malaria in that area was to all intents and purposes, obliterated."

"In other parts of the country, too, wonderful work has been done. Land which was formerly malaria ridden swamp has been turned into good building land. Rubber estates which found it impossible to recruit labour owing to the high death rate and which were subsequently abandoned were also treated and are now in use again with full labour staffs. In the towns malaria has been reduced to practically nothing."

Questioned as to his ideas in regard to adapting Malayan methods to Ceylon, Mr. Dyer said there were a number of different schemes which would be put forward though it was too early to explain them at this stage. He pointed out that it would not be possible to go in for such elaborate undertakings in the Island as in the F.M.S. partly because Ceylon could not afford the expense, and partly because the malarial problem in the Island is not quite so grave as it has been in the F.M.S.

Prevention Not Cure.

"Our foremost aim," said Mr. Dyer, "must be prevention, not cure, and it is upon that that we are concentrating." The speaker pointed out that a very large proportion of natives who suffered from malaria refused to put themselves in skilled hands, so that however perfect a cure might be, it would be of little use to this particular class. Hence the necessity for prevention, and the tremendous value of the work which had been carried out in Malaya.

The truth is that this play of yours isn't West End."

"But," I protest, "everybody wears evening dress in Act Two, and one of the characters is an honourable!"

When the Telephone Rings.

There are two courses open to an author. If he is one of those brave, strong men to whose efforts this Empire of ours owes so much, he can go to his box and listen unperturbedly to the profound silence with which his best lines are received. Or he can go home and leave to the principal actor the task of informing the audience that "the author is not in the house."

But queer things happen in plays. Half way through the evening he may be called on the 'phone by an enthusiastic manager.

"The play is a riot," came down!

And he goes down to find that all the lost laughs have come back again, and the thrills which did not thrill at rehearsal are shivering the skins of a large audience.

Then will he be gripped by the hand; managers and stars will slap him on the back; call boys will grin at him ecstatically.

Sometimes the telephone bell doesn't ring, and the author gropes in a dark collar-hole for a good, painless poison—and a syphon—

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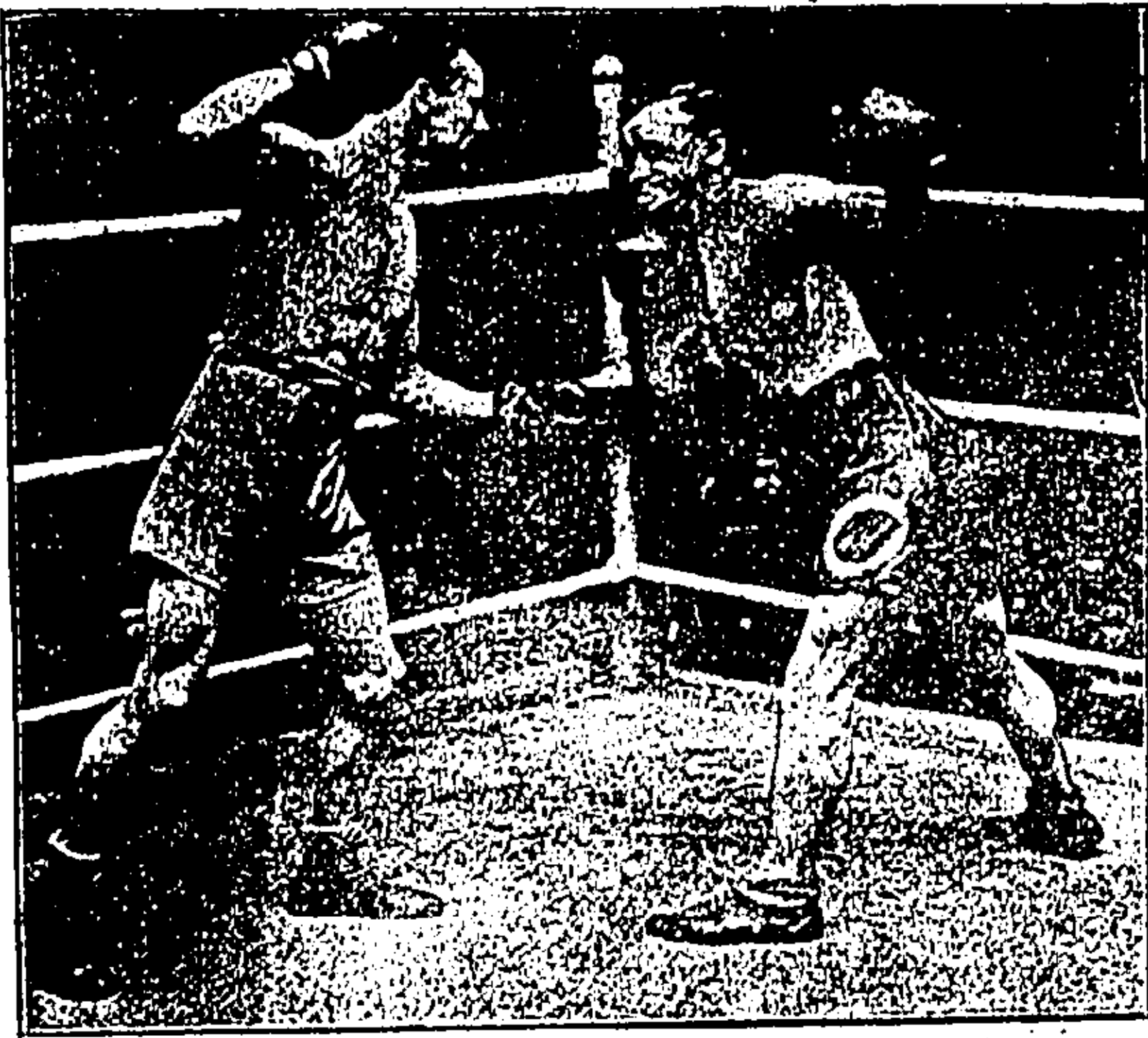
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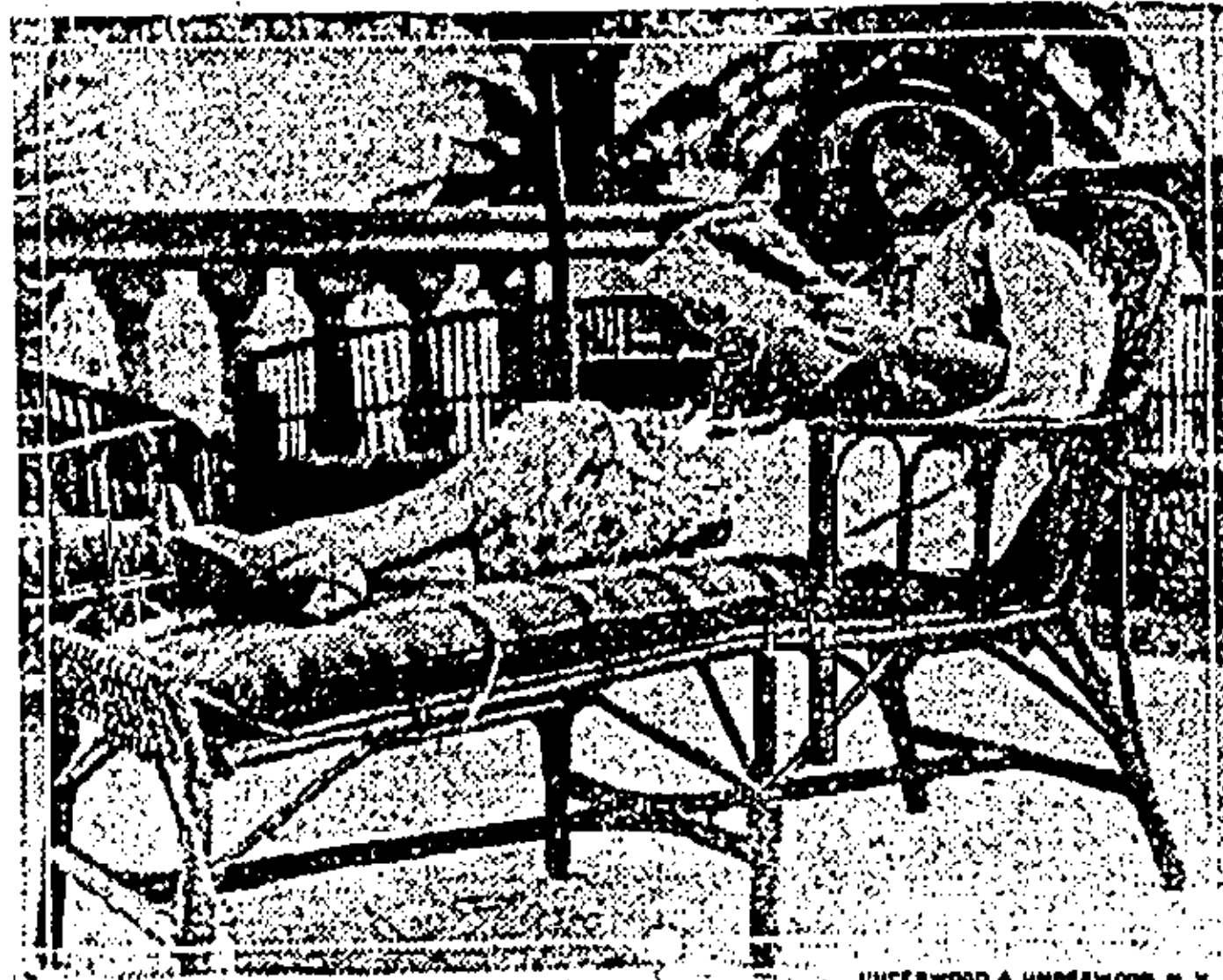
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BOXER WHO MADE THE PRINCE LAUGH.—During a visit of the Prince of Wales to the ring, Blackfriars-road, London, he was highly amused at the antics of Billy Robbins (Bethnal Green) who has since been called the India Rubber faced boxing comedian and has signed a contract to appear on the films. Billy Robbins (Bethnal Green) and Patsy Butler (Richmond) in the ring. (Sport and General).



GALLI CURCI.—Another songstress of world fame.

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SPEED RECORD ATTEMPT.—New British plans at Calshot.—No official statement is yet made as to the pilot chosen for the record breaking attempt, possible choice is F. L. S. Webster, winner of the last international seaplane race for the Schneider Trophy, and F. L. O. E. Schneider Trophy. (Sport and General).



LADIES SWIM IN THE BITTERLY COLD WIND AND WATER.—The Kenwood Regulars Swimming Club race for the Madeline Cup at the Kenwood Ponds, Hampstead, London, April 14. Three cheers for the winner. Dr. M. Porter presenting the Cup to Miss B. Brittan, the winner while being chaired by her colleagues. (Sport and General).



H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF YORK.—Received purses at the Royal West Sussex Hospital Centenary Appeal Bazaar, at Shopwyke House, Chichester, in aid of this hospital. A charming picture of the Duchess receiving a combined purse from twin children. (Sport and General).



MRS. ROSITA FORBES.—Famous "exploress," who is contemplating another journey into parts unknown.



GIANT TORTOISE AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, LONDON.—The largest tortoise the Zoo has ever had arrives at the menagerie. It is an enormous creature 3 ft. long 2 ft. 6 in. wide and 18 in. high, weighing 3 cwt., and is lucky to be at the Zoo at all, for though a native of Galapagos Islands, South America, it was discovered outside a restaurant at Valparaiso, Chile, by an Englishman, who subsequently presented it to the Zoo, London. It is estimated to be 100 years old. (Sport and General).



DAME ELLEN TERRY.—The lady with the magical voice.



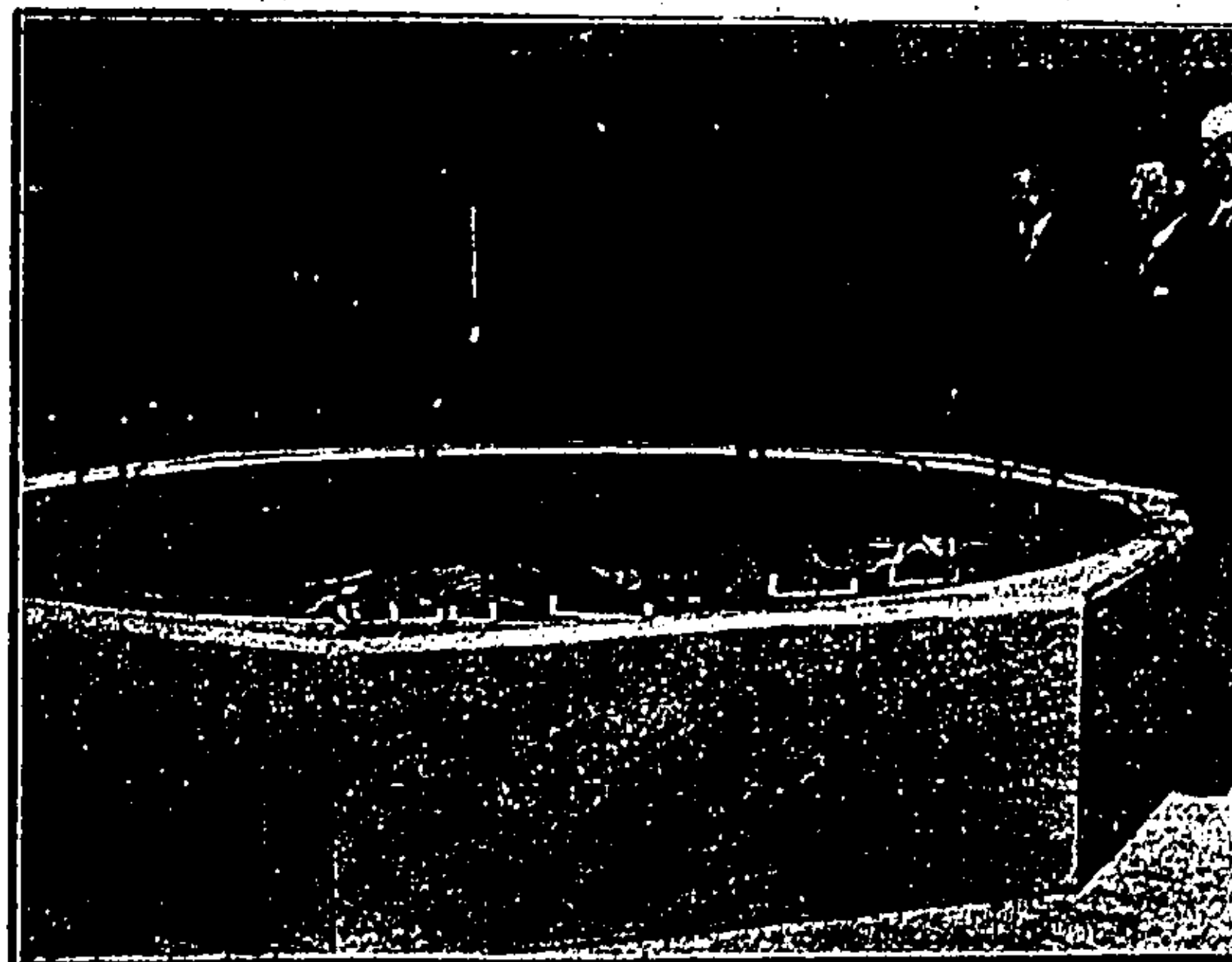
AEROPLANE BOMBS MOTOR BOAT.—Thrills and hair-raising stunts were provided for the thousands who saw the contest between an aeroplane and a motor boat at the British Motor Boat Club outboard, motor boat racing, at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. The slight craft dashed through clouds of spray almost under the wings of the aeroplane, but the "bombs" (bags of flour) fell wide of the mark. The picture shows one of the thrills during the attack. (Sport and General).



HENRY FORD.—Who is now on a tour of investigation in England.



THE LITTLE WELSHMAN.—A new photograph of Mr. David Lloyd George, ex-Premier in the Coalition war-time cabinet and now the foremost leader of the Liberal party. Nowadays he earns a good living by his pen.



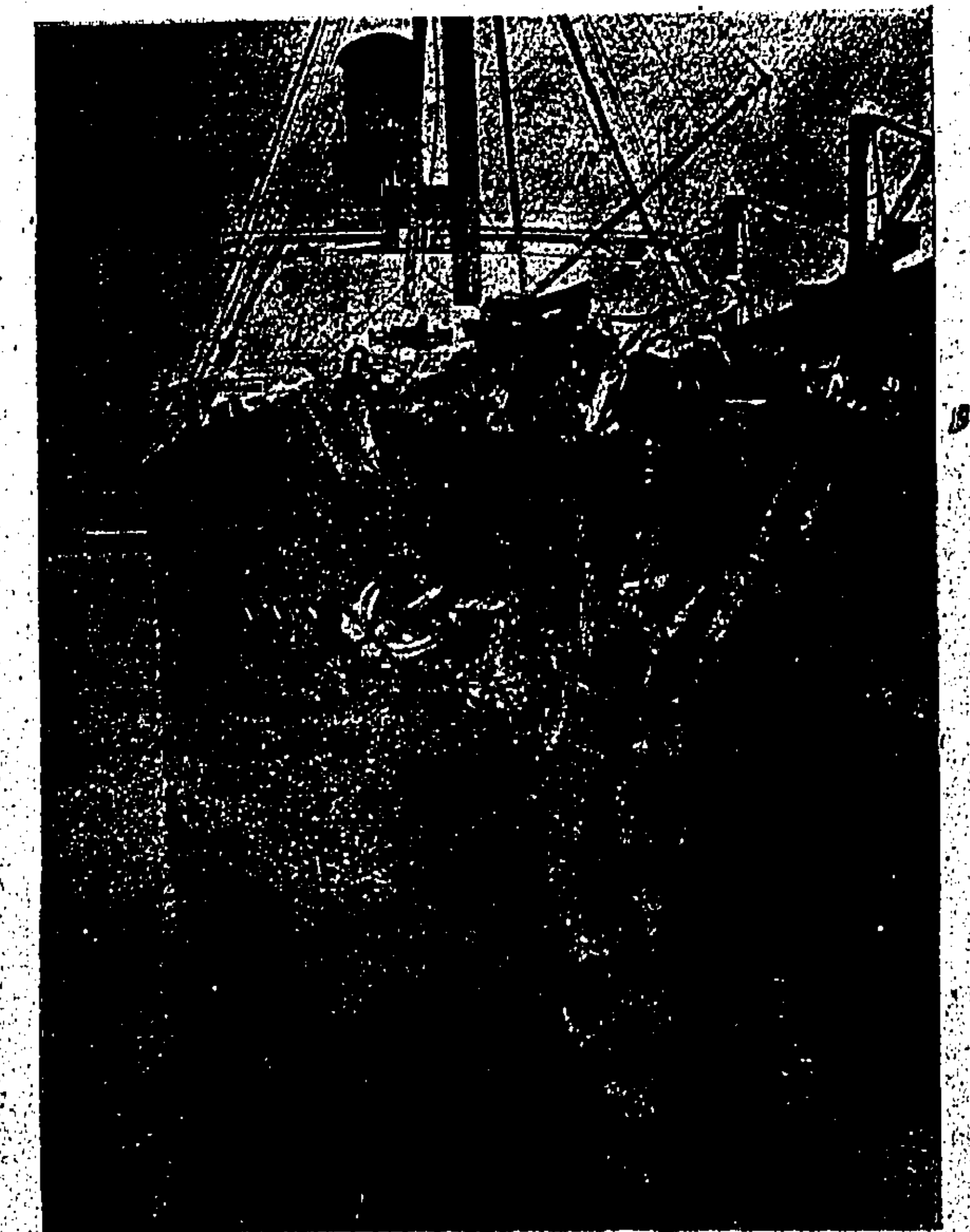
INDOOR GREYHOUND RACE TRACK.—On an electrically worked miniature Greyhound Race Track consisting of a 12 ft. diameter table, the results of Wembley dog races are being reproduced at the Stadium Club, Holborn, London. Models representing the dogs and hare in appropriate colours worked by concealed rods are used, and results are reproduced by electrical synchronisation. Wembley greyhound racecourse cards are used. The originator of this wonderful model is Mr. Fred Howard. (Sport and General).



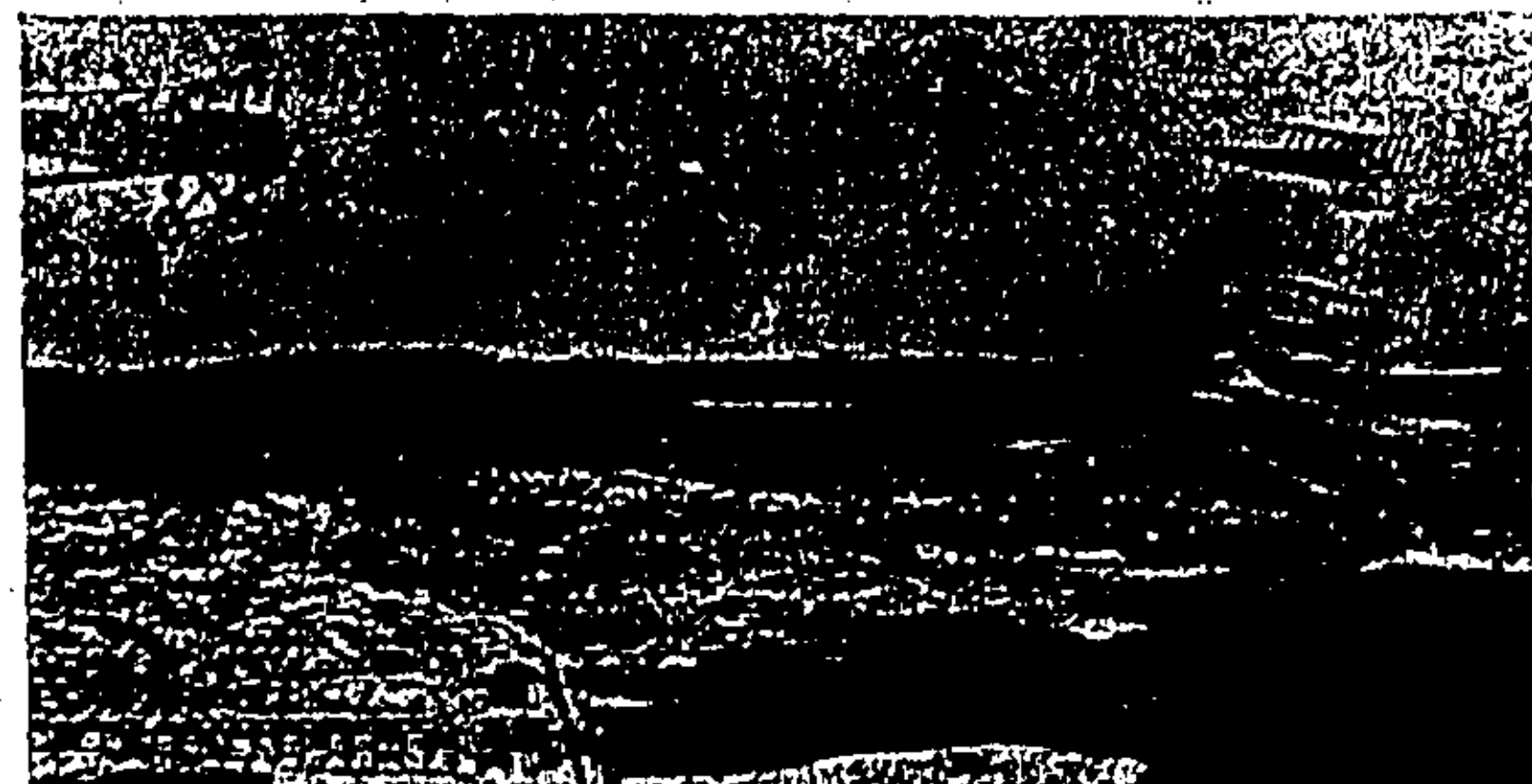
THE GALLANT MARSHAL.—Marshal Foch, who was last in England to attend the funeral of the late Earl Haig. Foch and Haig were lasting friends after the war and often visited one another.



5TH ANNUAL RELAY RACE FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON.—Which marks the greatest event in the Amateur Pedestrian's year, was won by the celebrated Birchfield Harriers, a Birmingham combination, in the exceptional time of 4 hrs. 41 mins. 48.5/5 sec. Thus making them holders of the 100 guineas Trophy for the third time. An admiring crowd welcomes J. W. Beman (C. 10), the first man home, winning for Birchfield Harriers. (Sport and General).



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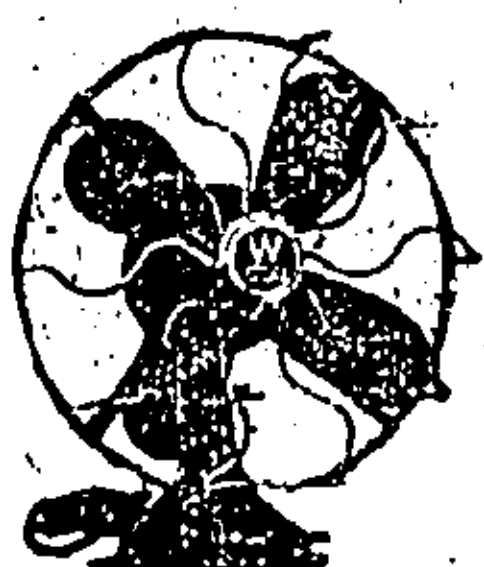
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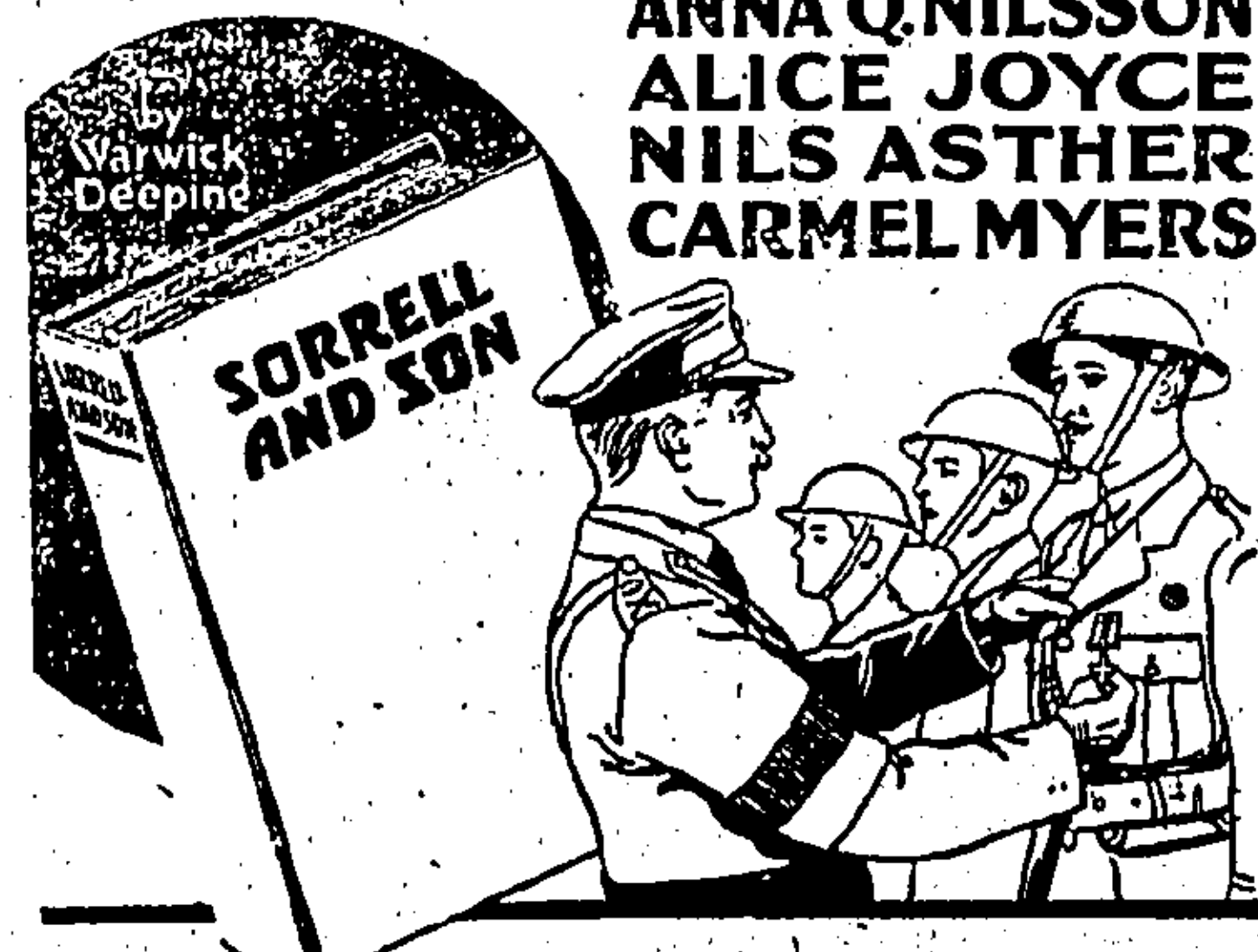


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looked
into those
eyes—
He knew nothing could
prevent him from giving
to his son the best the
world had to offer.
—that life held no sor-
row, no tasks, no hard-

ships crushing enough to
break his spirit—
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H.C.—His Column

The escape of pri-
soners from Victoria
Hotel."

local officialdom. In 1862, I see,
the repeated escapes of gangs of
prisoners, principally through the
jail drains, resulted in the appoint-
ment of a Commission to inquire
into the condition and working of
the Jail. A little later an expert
was obtained from England to act
as superintendent. He, however,
was dismissed in less than a year,
and a new superintendent, Mr. F.
Douglas appointed. This is why,
in the old days, the jail was popu-
larly known as the "Douglas
Hotel."

What strikes me as an
Not Really. interesting study is
a Rogue. the psychology of
photographic impres-
sions. This is what I mean. A
group picture came to hand during
the week showing a number of well
known local personages. One was
depicted as a veritable villain. His
smile was sardonic, greed and
cruelty were personified in the
glint in his eyes, his mouth was
wicked looking—anyone, glancing
at the photograph, would have in-
stantly summed him up as a
rough and nasty customer. Yet
that man, as I know full well, is
of the salt of the earth, charming
in speech and manner, a good hus-
band, father, and friend. What do
you think about that? Does the
camera's lens reveal, at times,
more than comes within the power
of the human eye and brain? An
interesting theory. Now you know
what I mean by the psychology of
photographic impressions.

I do not encourage
the utilisation of
this column as a
medium of re-
sponse to the inquiries of readers,
but because of the seriousness of a

query recently addressed to me I
feel constrained, in this instance,
to stretch a point. Therefore
"Err," I hasten to inform you that
a Marine is not any poor fellow
whose father was a sailor and
mother a soldier's wife.

If any film which had
Films And the art of boxing as
Fighting. its main theme had
come under profes-
sional notice when it was my duty
to review new and unreleased
productions for the trade Press, I am
afraid it would have received
short shift. I was younger then,
of course, and perhaps in those
days did not fully realise the diffi-
culties attending the making of
such a screen story. Which was
why, maybe, I was then considered
such an excellent critic. A picture
shown locally during the week
prompts these musings. Note-
worthy in some directions, if only
as an illustration of a real British
effort to make pictures that count,
this film at the same time forcibly
revealed how hard it is to invest
stage-managed scrapping with life.
A similar difficulty presents itself
in the production of racing films.
An effective solution would be the
inclusion of pukka fight and races
in these classes of sporting pic-
tures.

There must be, nat-
urally, limitations
applied to my plea
for screen realism,
for screen realism,
I would not ask, for instance, that
if Ronald Colman is shown in the
picture as the devoted husband of
Vilma Banky the pair should ac-
tually negotiate the marriage hur-
dle before screening commenced;
nor would I insist upon the maiden
woofly wronged playing her part
in real life as a preliminary to or
in the course of the manufacture of
the picture. Faked emotional dis-
plays and faked every day activi-
ties will pass on the screen, but a
"staged" boxing contest or finish
to a race are subjects which are
not so readily accepted.

Last week I recorded
On Leave. the departure of a
journalistic colleague
to fields fresh; now another one-
time newspaperman comes into the
news. This is Mr. Gelling, who
was a reporter on the Daily
Press during the period that Mr.
M. F. Key, now secretary of the
General Chamber of Commerce,
officiated in a similar capacity. In
seeking fresh fields to conquer Mr.
Gelling selected the local Civil Ser-
vice, and after some three-odd
years as a clerk in the Colonial
Secretary's Office, departed with his
wife on leave this morning by the
"Kashgar." Mr. Gelling was a
pillar of strength in local Wesleyan
circles and, in the days before the
multifarious intricacies of local
government claimed his attention,
was a billiard and tennis player of
more than fair ability.

It is quite true that
No Hope. Gladstone laid it
For U.S.A. down that the purpose
of government was
"to make it easy for men to do
right and difficult for men to do

wrong," but in my impartial mind
that axiom provides no jurisdiction
at all for that famous Eighteenth
Amendment which adorns the
statute book of the United States
and keeps many a good man from
obtaining a good drink. One
Ernest H. Cherrington, however,
thinks it does, according to a book-
let written by him which has reach-
ed me through the good services
of a Missionary friend up-country.
Mr. Cherrington is the general
secretary of the World League
Against Alcoholism, and he ad-
vances in his booklet six significant
reasons why that Eighteenth
Amendment to the Federal Consti-
tution will stand for always. Rea-
son No. 11, if the facts are as
stated is, in itself, sufficient. This
is because it would be a "practical
impossibility" to repeal the Amend-
ment. There are, it appears, 98
state and national legislative
bodies to which the question of ap-
peal would need to be submitted—
two in each of the 48 States and
two in Congress—and it only re-
quires the "aye" of 13 of them to
keep the jolly old Amendment alive
and kicking. And that's that.

I am amused, albeit but
Mildly mildly, to observe in local
Amused. columns from time to
time unkindly mention of
a contemporary. That is because
I am on what may be termed the
"inside," though to the ordinary
reader, I suppose, these references
of one paper to another are of not
the slightest interest. Why, I have
wondered, do not these paragraph-
lists do the job properly and roundly
curse the colleague or sheet they
do not like?

Better still—indeed,
Master of ideal—would be the
Investive. employment of investive,
but the difficulty
is that the finest investive must be
a strictly impersonal; private hatred
must not launch a particular attack
on supposedly general grounds.
But it is too much to expect any
local "mutinous subordinate or dis-
affected pamphleteer."
to mask his minor spleen. No mas-
ter of investive have we had, I
would imagine, since "Junius" in-
dited his famous "Letters."

Singapore is no. a
Our Wives. nice place according
to a description in a
London paper and reproduced
locally. It is, we are told, a city
of tragic wives, thousands of them,
pale and bored, fretting away in
exile, lounging in hotels all the
morning and half the night, drink-
ing gin, gambling, dancing and
during male newcomers to their
dorm. This is their life, the article
goes on, because they have no-
thing else to do. What an absurd
picture to draw of Singapore or
anywhere else. True the women-
folk there have not a continuous
round of domestic and other duties
which occupies the whole time, but
but they are not the liquor-drink-
ing and vamping crowd the writer
of the above article would have
them to be. Here in Hong Kong
we have a gang of women who
spend hours, morning and evening,
in a hotel lounge or dining room,
many to the detriment of the month-
ly cheque drawn by certain youth-
ful clerical assistants—and a few
who are really old enough to know
better. And on the strength of
this there are some, no doubt, who
would term Hong Kong a city of
tragic wives. Nonsense!

The Rev. J. C. Knight
Helping. Anstey, these days,
devotes, it seems to
me, as much of his
time to the collection of money as
he does to the saving of souls. As
Wesleyan Chaplain to the Forces
in Hong Kong and pastor of the
Wanchai Wesleyan Church, he has
upon his shoulders the responsi-
bility of attending to the public ap-
peal which has been issued in con-
nection with the erection of a new
Wesleyan Servicemen's Home on
the Praya. And I think he is do-
ing the job splendidly. With many
others I am in agreement with the
proposal made by The Sunday
Herald that the Admiralty and
Army authorities should contribute
substantially towards the cost of
the Home. There is one point,
however, which my contemporary
misses. Servicemen themselves
are sending in their humble but
very acceptable donations; ships in
harbour have issued subscription
lists, and a similar move is afoot
among the soldiers. This is indeed
splendid news and should, more
than anything else, prompt the au-
thorities to assist in making the
Home an established fact.

"When lovely woman
Asking stoops to folly" and des-
For It. patches, her husband
across the harbour at ap-
proaching midnight for a pound
of chocolates of a particular
brand—well, she is asking for
trouble. They live in Kowloon, do
the couple, and a fair distance from

the ferry. One night this week,
after two days in bed because of a
cold, wife wakes up full of beans
and with a craving for her
favourite sweetmeat, chocolate
walnuts—or walnut chocolates.
Hubby is awoken and, of course,
immediately says he will go to
Hong Kong to purchase them; he
is—or was—that kind of husband.
He rushes to dress, rushes to the
ferry and rushes to the shop. Then
he rushes back, with three pounds
of the desired chocolates. Wife,
he finds, is soundly sleeping, so,
gently, he arouses her. Does she
fall on his neck when she receives
the sweetmeat? Not a bit of it,
dear reader, what she did was
to bite one of the chocolates and
then daintily deposit the pieces on
a saucer. And what she said was:
"Oh, dear, James; how tiresome.
All these walnuts are outside and
I do so like walnuts inside choco-
lates," which is why James tem-
porarily saw red and, grasping the
box, angrily deposited the lot
through a conveniently open win-
dow. I think he bought her a new
hat next day. He is that kind of
husband.

I am indebted to a
Justice In friend for a cutting
China. from The Christian
Index, a Baptist maga-
zine published in Atlanta, Georgia.
The cutting comments upon the Re-
port of the Crime Commission of
the United States, which was re-
cently issued, and remarks, inter
alia:

It is time our people were awaken-
ed to the critical situation which
now confronts the country. A per-
son's life is in jeopardy every hour
of the day. Human life was never
held so cheaply in any so-called
civilised country as in ours at this
hour. Organised bands of criminals
are pillaging the countryside and
the cities. The law is flouted
on every hand, and the alarming in-
ability of the officers to deal with the
situation is everywhere obvious.

As my correspondent says, a
pretty state of affairs, reading
more like a description of what
takes place now-a-days in prac-
tically any part of China. "Does
this not help us to understand why
America stands for so little justice
in China, like the Nanking Patch?"
adds the man who sent me the cut-
ting.

My friend, I think,
That "Nanking is slightly off the
Patch." right track,
though I can un-
derstand what he is driving at.
America, in regard to China, is not
wilfully unjust; the trouble seems
to be, as the crime report shows,
that there is lacking in the United
States a full appreciation of what
responsibility really means. The
"Nanking Patch"—an expression
which originated in The China Mail
and which has returned in
print from all parts of the world
—was America's particular manner
of settling the differences arising
out of the Nanking outrage of last
year. We may not see eye to eye
with the terms of settlement, but
it cannot be said that they reflect
any harshness on the part of
America towards China. The boot,
in my opinion, is on the other leg.

LADY'S DEATH.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY
KILLED.

TSINAN SHOOTING.

Peking, Yesterday.
It is learned that Mrs. W. T.
Hobart of the American Methodist
Mission was killed at Tsinan on
April 29 during the fighting which
lasted from April 23 till May 1.
It is uncertain whether it was by
a stray bullet or deliberate.—Reuter.

Shot in Bedroom.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A letter from Tsinan dated May
3 referring to the killing of Mrs.
Hobart, states, the killing occurred
on April 29, after the arrival of
the Nationalists and fighting was
going on. We were warned that it
would be unsafe to leave the com-
pound but we did not know we were
being made targets of. Mrs.
Hobart left the sitting-room where
she was reading and went to her
bedroom, which has a small win-
dow above the door facing the city
wall. She was hit by a bullet fired
through the window from the wall.
She was conscious for ten minutes
and died in one hour.

Refuge in Basement.

"From that time on we lived in
the basement of the mission build-
ing and were fired at every time we
left the building. It is unknown
what particular group of Southern-
ers was doing the firing. This is
the first opportunity we have had
to get out word. No one else was
killed; all the Chinese students are
living in the basement with the
missionaries. The T'ai-an people
knew nothing about Tsinan affairs.
They did not even know that the
Southerners were near till the
Northerners began their retreat."
—Reuter.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A stranger entered a church in
the middle of the sermon and seat-
ed himself in the back pew. After
a while he began to fidget. Lean-
ing over to the white-haired man
at his side, he whispered:
"How long has he been preach-
ing?"
"Thirty or forty years, I think,"
the old man answered. "I don't
know exactly."
"I'll stay, then," decided the
stranger. "He must be nearly
done."

Teacher: "We borrowed our
numerals from the Arabs, our
calendar from the Romans, and our
banking from the Italians. Can
anyone think of any other ex-
amples?"

Charlie: "Our lawn mower from
the Smiths, our sewing machine
from the Joneses and a pair of steps
from Miss Evans."

Old Lady: "Tell me, dear—what
is your little friend crying for?"
Girl: "E's not cryin' mum—e's
been playin' tennis with one of 'is
mother's onions!"

Producer (interrupting singer at
voice trial): "Does that end the
first verse?"

Singer: "Well, I've got to where
it says 'Refrain'."

Producer: "Good! Please do
that!"

Employer: "Now that I have de-
cided to give you the job I must
tell you that early hours are the
rule in this establishment."

New Clerk: "That's good. You
can't close too early for me."

They had not been married long
and she thought it would be per-
fectly lovely now the new phone
had been installed to ring up Jack
at his office. But Jack found a tear-
ful wife waiting on his return home
the first evening.

"It's quite true what they say
about the telephone service," she
sobbed, "and you might as well have
the beastly thing taken away. I
rang you three times in five minutes
this afternoon, and you were out
every time."

Actress: "Did you write that
criticism saying my impersonation
of 'The Deserted Wife' was a
failure?"
Critic: "Yes, you see, you looked
so perfectly beautiful that it was
impossible to imagine any man de-
serting you."

Chaplain: Children, this is a pic-
ture that illustrates to-day's Sun-
day school lesson. Lot was warn-
ed to take his wife and daughter,
and flee out of Sodom. Here is Lot,
here is his wife, and this is his
daughter. Now are there any ques-
tions you want to ask?
Little Girl: Plead, thir, where
ith the flea?

She: What a dirty look he gave
you!
He: I've always had this dirty
look.

English Wife: Dear me, how
slovenly the postal authorities are!
Here's a card from my husband,
who's in Manchester on business,
and it's got the Paris postmark.

Mike: Did ye ever speak before
a large audience, Pat?
Pat: Begorra, yes. Fairly large.
I did.
Mike: An' what did ye say?
Pat: Why, I said "not guilty!"

Mother: What's that, Tommie—
you have been fighting with Johnny
Jimsen? I thought he was a peace-
able child. He had such a nice face,
too.

Tommy (glowing with pride):
Well, he ain't got one now.

Mother: Yes, dear, this is the
English Channel.
Bright Child: But it can't be,
mummy. I don't see any ladies
swimming.

TEASERS.

Answer The "China
Mail" Questions.

10-DAYS' POSERS.

From day to day a series of half
a dozen questions, not tremendously
difficult to answer but not always
so simply solved as may be thought,
appear on this page. Answers are
given on page thirteen.

1. What is Taoism?
2. Which is the brightest of all the stars?
3. Who was St. Ambrose?
4. Who was the author of the saying: "When in Rome do as Rome does?"
5. When was the importation and exportation of raw opium officially prohibited in Hong Kong?
6. Who was responsible for the formation of the Sharpshooters?

BOYCOTT SPREADS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Japan immediately to end the warfare and withdraw her troops and asks for an international inquiry and arbitration.

What Nanking Wants.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A message from Nanking states that General Tan Yen-kai, on behalf of the Nationalist Government, has sent a Note to Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, regarding the Tsinan affair. It states, inter alia, that the "peace of Nations is threatened by aggression on the part of Japan," and requests a convocation of the meeting of the League Council. It urges the League to request a "cessation of hostilities on the part of the Japanese troops and their immediate withdrawal from Shantung." It concludes by saying that the Nationalist Government is prepared to agree to an international enquiry or arbitration for the settlement of the Tsinan affair.—Reuter.

Enforcement Needed.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Chinese Nationalist Government at Nanking, which is not a member of the League, has telegraphed requesting the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to convene the League Council, denouncing the violation of China's integrity and independence by Japanese troops, and invoking articles 10 and 11 of the League Covenant in summoning a Council to intervene and terminate a "situation prejudicial to the peace between the two countries." The telegram has been circulated to all members of the Council, but technically it is out of order unless endorsed by a member of the League, for example, the Peking Government.—Reuter.

WHAT IT HAS LOST.

Japan's Appropriations For Shantung.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Cabinet has decided to appropriate 5,390,000 yen from the Government reserve fund and also to disburse 13,310,000 yen on Government responsibility for the expenses of the latest sending of batches of troops to Shantung.—Reuter.

Wholly Occupied.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A Japanese War Office despatch states that the whole of Tsinan is occupied by the Japanese, including the walled city, which was taken after severe fighting.—Reuter.

Southerners Withdraw.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.
As the result of a conference on Thursday night between the Japanese military authorities and the local Chamber of Commerce, the Southerners have been induced to withdraw from the walled city of Tsinan. The Japanese started entering on Friday morning.—Reuter.

That Last Fight.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A message from Tsinan states that the Japanese lost 17 killed (including two officers) and 117 wounded in Thursday night's fighting in the walled city (before the stubborn resistance by the Southerners was overcome by the walls being blown up).—Reuter.

Intermittent Sniping.

Peking, Yesterday.
It is believed that 20,000 Nationalist troops have up to the present surrendered in Tsinan, but irregulars and plain-clothes soldiers are still sniping occasionally from the houses.—Reuter.

Provisional Peace?

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who is reported to be at Hsueh-shan conferring with the Nationalist leaders regarding future policy, has sent Ho Cheng-chun to Tsinan to negotiate with the Japanese for a provisional agreement in settlement of the Tsinan affair and the cessation of hostilities.—Reuter.

Expedition's Strength.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Japanese railway authorities have been ordered to prepare for the transportation of 20,000 men and 5,360 horses to Shantung between May 13 and 31, bringing up the Expeditionary forces in Shantung to approximately 28,000 men.—Reuter.

Mid-Rhondda's decision to disband and drop out of Southern and Welsh League football was inevitable. Their gates have varied this season from 10s. to 25 only.

Mr. S. B. Dyer, of St. Leonards, won the championship gold medal of the National Federation of Sea Anglers with a ling of 85lb.

VOLUNTEER PRIZES.

ANNUAL "SMOKER" LAST NIGHT.

G.O.C.'S SPEECH.

The annual smoking concert of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, held at Headquarters last evening, was a very enjoyable and largely attended affair.

Amongst those present were H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., General Officer Commanding the Forces, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant of the Defence Corps, nearly all the Officers of the Corps, some officers of Military units stationed in Hong Kong, and many Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Defence Corps.

During a break in the concert programme, Major-General Luard distributed various prizes won by different units and individuals in open Corps competitions. The trophies were awarded for efficiency, musketry, machine-gun, Lewis gun, and revolver competitions, etc. They were very evenly divided between the various units of the Defence Corps, each unit showing supremacy in some particular branch of soldiering, which collectively place the standard of the Corps' efficiency very high.

After distributing the prizes and congratulating the Battery on winning the Nathan Cup, His Excellency the G.O.C. said that what struck him on looking through the prize list was how evenly the awards were distributed throughout the Corps. Private F. G. Ribeiro was to be specially commended on his shooting, which was most creditable considering the short time he had been a member of the Corps. Sergt. Goodman had put up an extremely good performance in the Corps Championship, his record being 11 points better than last year. Another very healthy sign was the larger number of entries in all competitions. The Adjutant was to be congratulated on winning the revolver competition, "I hope it didn't cost him too much in ammunition."

Concert Programme.

The excellent concert programme was opened by Mr. J. W. Blackley with a well rendered song entitled "The Leather Bottle" which met with well deserved applause. Mr. A. E. Stone was also well received with a selected song which caught on well.

An interlude by Mr. Robert Sutherland was very popular with the audience who gave the "artiste" a decidedly "big hand" for the enterprising and finished manner in which his turn was put over. Mr. D. M. Richards who came on just before the interval, was heard to advantage in the "Sentinel Song" from Iolanthe. His pleasing voice was admirably suited to the piece, and the audience were not slow in showing their appreciation of a very fine item.

After the interval Mr. M. D. Scott sang "Coaling," with an assurance rarely found in an amateur performer. He was received with enthusiasm. Then followed Mr. W. Johnston, a clever singer in the lighter vein who had already been heard in local concerts before. He rocked the audience with laughter with his parody on "Ma Ain Wee Hoose," and then came in later with a selected Scottish song which was put over with a fine imitation of the mirthful Harry Lauder.

Mr. H. Glover, who also requires no introduction to local concert audiences, greatly pleased with two popular songs "Come to the Fair," and "What shall we do with the drunken Sailor?" in both of which he made instantaneous hits with the audience, who signified their approval with a full measure of applause.

Mr. J. W. Blackley again obliged in this half of the programme with "The Road to the Isles," for which he met with as big a reception as on his earlier appearance. Messrs. E. J. Edwards and H. V. Parker were the accompanists during the evening.

Prizes.

The prizes distributed by H.E. the General were as follows:—Nathan Cup for Efficiency.—Won by the Battery.
Commandant's Cup for Musketry.—Won by the Infantry Company.
Lugard Cup for Machine Gun Firing.—Won by the Infantry Company.
Machine Gun Competition.—Won by Machine Gun Section.
Commandant's Cup for Kirkpatrick Scheme.—Won by the Engineer Company.
Blake Shield.—Won by No. 5 Platoon; Pte. A. H. Maxwell, Pte. K. S. Boulton, Pte. K. C. McLennan, Piper G. Nisbet.
Special prize for Blake Shield Competition.—L/Sgt. F. G. Goodman.
Francis Cup.—Won by No. 6 Platoon; L/Sgt. F. C. Goodman.

"SORRELL AND SON." TO BE EXTRADITED.

WARWICK DEEPING'S NOVEL FILMED.

A NOTABLE PICTURE.

With beautiful exterior scenes specially filmed in England, the big screen version of Warwick Deeping's story of England after the war, "Sorrell and Son," comes to the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday next for four days, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The picture follows closely the original story, and the opening scenes find Captain Stephen Sorrell, M.C., returning from the war to discover his pleasure loving wife in the act of running away. With his young son to bring up, Captain Sorrell sets about getting work, but in the end he is compelled to accept the position of hotel bar porter. How he "carries on" for the sake of his son, whose future is his chief regard, makes a wonderful story. Produced by Herbert Brenon, famous as the director of "Peter Pan," "A Kiss for Cinderella" and "Beau Geste," the picture has a big cast led by such capable players as H. B. Warner, Anna Q. Nilsson, Carmel Myers, Lionel Belmore, Nils Asther and Alice Joyce. "Sorrell and Son" is a long film and performances start promptly each day at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

WOMEN AND MEN.

MR. GEORGE MOORE'S SATIRE.

Piquant criticisms of distinguished writers and also of women have been made by Mr. George Moore, the 76-years-old novelist, poet, and essayist. Giving his impressions of modern literature, art, and women, he said:—

I absolutely refuse to speak about my living contemporaries because there is not one worth talking about. As regards those who have died recently, Thomas Hardy could not write two lines of correct English together, and instead of being considered a master of English country life, should have been considered more like a country schoolmaster. Besides, as is evident in "Tess," he had no insight into human nature.

Then, to take another example, Conrad's works will be dead in a year. Anyone could write the sort of stuff he wrote about barges floating about in green-blue hazes. In my opinion there is not one outstanding genius.

It is much the same with music and art—just a mere spitting at the stars, and when women try to spit, too, and do what men do, the position is worse than ever. It is as ridiculous for women to think that they can compete with men as it is to suppose that with a wave of a stick it is possible to turn a white rose bush into a red one. Women were far better off when they sat up in a tower embroidering beautiful tapestries rather than patting balls over a net from one year's end to another. There was something lasting in that tapestry, but what is coming of all this ball-patting? Nothing!

He blamed education, of which he said there was far too much, particularly for women, "who ought to work with her hands rather than her brain."

Sgt. G. H. Cuthill, Pte. G. Duncan, Pte. R. Goodman.

Title Competition.—Won by Signals Section; L/Cpl. S. D. Iggleaden, L/Sgt. G. E. Bell, Sig. J. B. Pomeroy, Sig. S. E. Bux.

Jar Competition.—Won by No. 7 Platoon; C.S.M. D. J. Purves, Sgt. A. W. Brown, Cpl. D. Lyon, Pte. R. J. Greve.

Musketry Competition.—Won by Pte. G. A. Ribeiro (No. 9 Platoon), 2nd L/Sgt. F. C. Goodman (No. 6 Platoon), 3rd Sgt. G. H. Cuthill (No. 6 Platoon).

Corps Championship.—Won by L/Sgt. F. C. Goodman (No. 6 Platoon), 2nd Pte. F. G. Ribeiro (No. 9 Platoon), 3rd 2/Lt. N. L. Ralston (The Battery).

Tyro Competition.—Won by Pte. H. A. Gregory (No. 2 Platoon).

Revolver (Open).—Won by C.P.O. Cann (H.M.S. "Marazion"). 2nd C.P.O. Gully (Range Staff).

Revolver (Corps).—Won by Maj. R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C. Lewis Gun.—Pte. E. L. Alves, Pte. C. G. Silva, Pte. V. A. Neves.

H.K.V. Reserves Challenge Cup.—Won by Pte. C. E. Frith.

Prize Fund.
The thanks of the Corps are due to the following who very kindly contributed to the prize fund:—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., R. M. Dyer, Esq., K. E. Greig, Esq., Henry Humphreys, Esq., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, C. Gordon Mackie, Esq., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, W. E. Smith, Esq., J. H. Taggart, Esq.

CHINESE TO AWAIT H.E.'S ORDER.

ALLEGED MURDER.

The extradition case in which the Canton authorities are seeking the surrender of a Chinese named Wong Him, alias Chan Kwon-chau, for the alleged murder of a compatriot named Leong Chi-wo in the vicinity of the "Three-eyed Bridge" in Namhoi district, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. R. E. Lindsell decided that there was "strong and powerful evidence for the presumption of the fugitive's guilt," and accordingly committed him to be confined in the Victoria Jail to await the order of His Excellency the Governor. The fugitive was informed that he was at liberty to file his appeal against the committal in the Supreme Court within fourteen days.

Mr. S. Fitzroy, assistant Attorney-General appeared for the Crown, whilst the fugitive was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

Alibi.

The defence's reply to the allegation of the Crown witnesses that the fugitive was responsible for the death of Leong Chi-wo by shooting at him with a Mauser pistol on December 11 last, was an alibi. The fugitive and a witness who said that some years ago he had been in the fugitive's employ at Canton, both stated on oath that on December 11 the fugitive was his former foki's guest at Kongmoon, where he had stayed from December 3 to 12. Mr. Lo then addressed Mr. Lindsell at length on the fugitive's behalf. He said that in view of the nature of the case and the Magistrate's knowledge of the administration of justice in Kwangtung, he would ask his Worship to draw a distinction between his power to commit for an offence committed under local jurisdiction, and his power to commit a man for extradition.

Pronouncing a Verdict.
Counsel said that in a case under local jurisdiction his Worship had between himself and the prisoner a judge and a jury to decide on the merits of a case, and the accused person could be said to have three-fold protection against his accusers.

In an extradition case, his Worship was functioning as both judge and jury, therefore he was entitled to demand more conclusive evidence of guilt before deciding to commit the fugitive. Counsel proceeded to say that if his Worship committed he would go so far as to say that that fact would be treated as conclusive evidence of the fugitive's guilt. Therefore, his Worship was not only giving the Chinese Court evidence of guilt, but actually pronouncing a conviction.

Damaging Witness.

Coming to the evidence against the fugitive, Counsel said that the most damaging witness was the son of the murdered man, and what did this man do? The most important part of his evidence was spoiled when he was required to produce and read to the Court the reply he had received from the Namhoi Magistrate to his petition praying for the apprehension of his father's slayer. He (the son) had deliberately read into the reply the fugitive's name in order to bluff his Worship, and then, when he (Counsel) went over that point in his cross-examination, it was discovered that in fact the document made no mention of the fugitive's name, but contained the collective term "killers."

Mr. Lindsell said that that point was discounted if he believed as true this witness' statement that in his petition he had mentioned the fugitive's name to the Magistrate.

Committed.
Mr. Lo replied that in view of the dead man's son's behaviour with regard to the document produced in Court, he regarded him as a dangerous witness, and that was why he had pressed for the production of the original accusation against his client, which had not been done.

Proceeding, Counsel dealt with the alibi put up by the fugitive and his witness, both of whom, he said, had given their evidence in a convincing manner, and had not been the least bit shaken in cross-examination by Mr. Fitzroy. Mr. Lindsell, as stated, decided to commit the fugitive.

"Yes," said the bald man to a farmer with conspicuous hair, "you can't have hair and brains, too." "Well," said the farmer, "it ain't no good having empty brains."

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Garden of Eden."

To-day—World Theatre; "Lone Eagle."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Three Weeks in Paris."

To-day—Dance, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 13—Queen's Theatre; Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link."

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May 13—Music, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 13-15—Queen's Theatre; Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link."

Sports.
May 13—Eight extra race meeting of the I.R.R.C., Macao.

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auction.
May 14—At "Villa Manola," Sassoon-rd., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

May 15—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

May 17—At 6, Knutsford-terrace, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.
May 14—Annual meeting of the H.K. Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

May 15—Peak Church Annual meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

May 18—Extraordinary general meeting of China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
May 13—Social evening in St. John's Cathedral Hall after evening song.

May 14—Opening of a new class for beginners in Chinese Language school, in Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 5.15-6.15 p.m.

May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt., of Cheer 'O new premises in City Hall, 6 p.m.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE GARDEN OF EDEN" AT QUEEN'S.

SCENES IN COLOUR.

"The Garden of Eden," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day, is an excellent comedy drama of a little continental cabaret singer who poses as the daughter of a Baroness and enters the smart society of Monte Carlo where she meets and falls in love with a handsome young man. The settings of the picture have been well carried out, while the photography introduces some new camera effects which have been done in full natural colour. The large cast is headed by Corinne Griffith, Lowell Sherman, Louise Dresser and Charles Ray. "The Garden of Eden" was directed by Lewis Milestone who produced "Two Arabian Knights."

WORLD THEATRE.

"The Lone Eagle," featuring Raymond Keane and Barbara Kent, is a thrilling story of war in the clouds, and deals with a young flying officer whose fear prevents him from taking part in air conflicts, but who, through the efforts of his little French sweetheart, finally overcomes his dread, and becomes a real hero. The story was written by Lt. Ralph Blanchard who saw active air service with the British Forces during the war. The climax is sensational.

STAR THEATRE.

"Three Weeks in Paris," is an amusing story of how a newly wedded husband becomes separated from his young wife and, in company with a jovial man-about-town goes off the deep end in Paris. During his stay he lands himself in jail after a duel, and on his release finds himself in further difficulties by virtue of the fact that he is officially dead and his wife has actually drawn the insurance money. Matt Moore, Dorothy Devore and Willard Louis are included in the excellent cast which was directed by Roy del Ruth.

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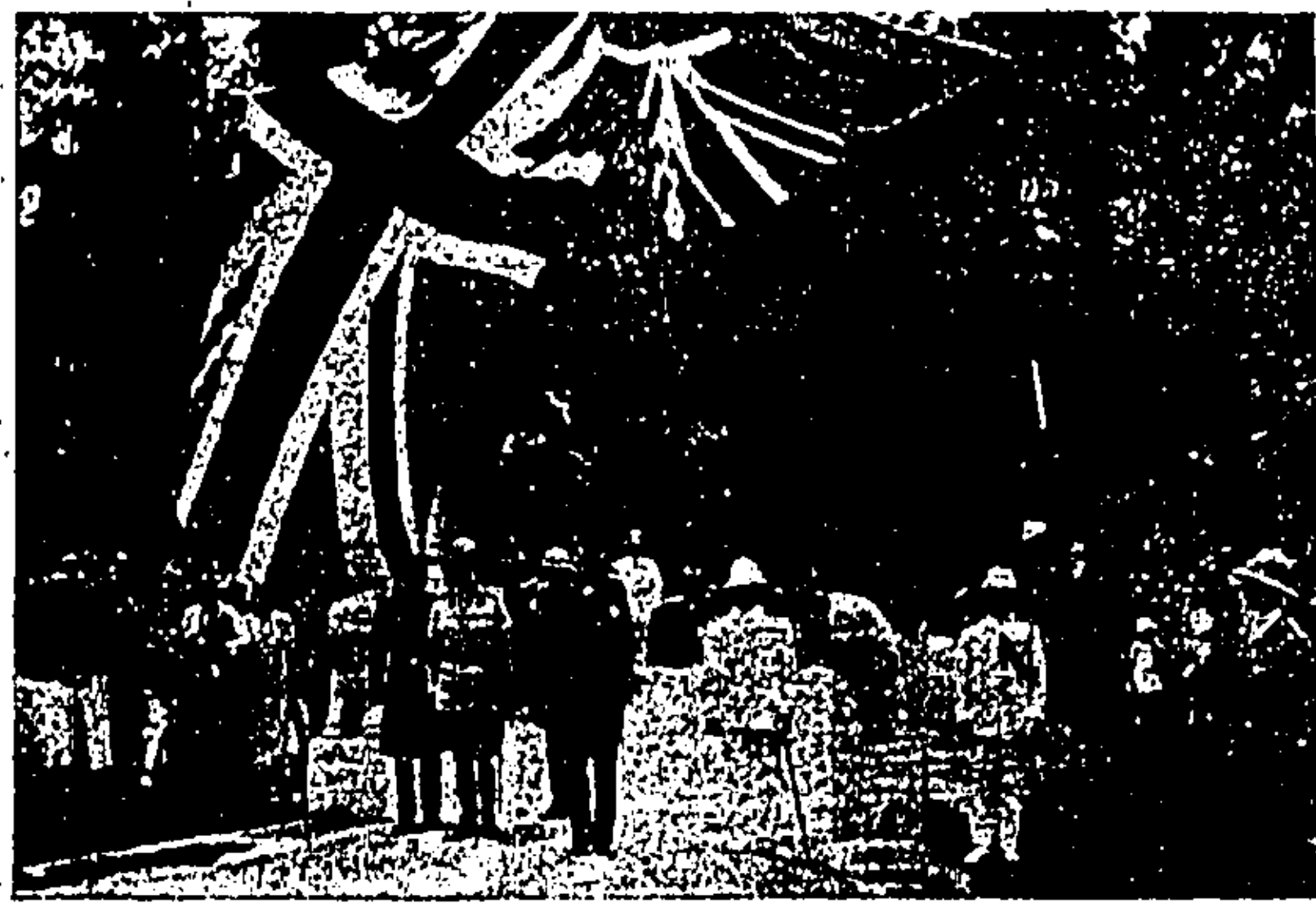
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MR. R. GORDON, on Damaged Goods, winner of the special match at last Saturday's races against Mr. A. D. Crabbe's Gold Medal, being led in after his victory. On the extreme right is Mr. H. P. White, the senior Steward of the Jockey Club. (Lee Fong.)



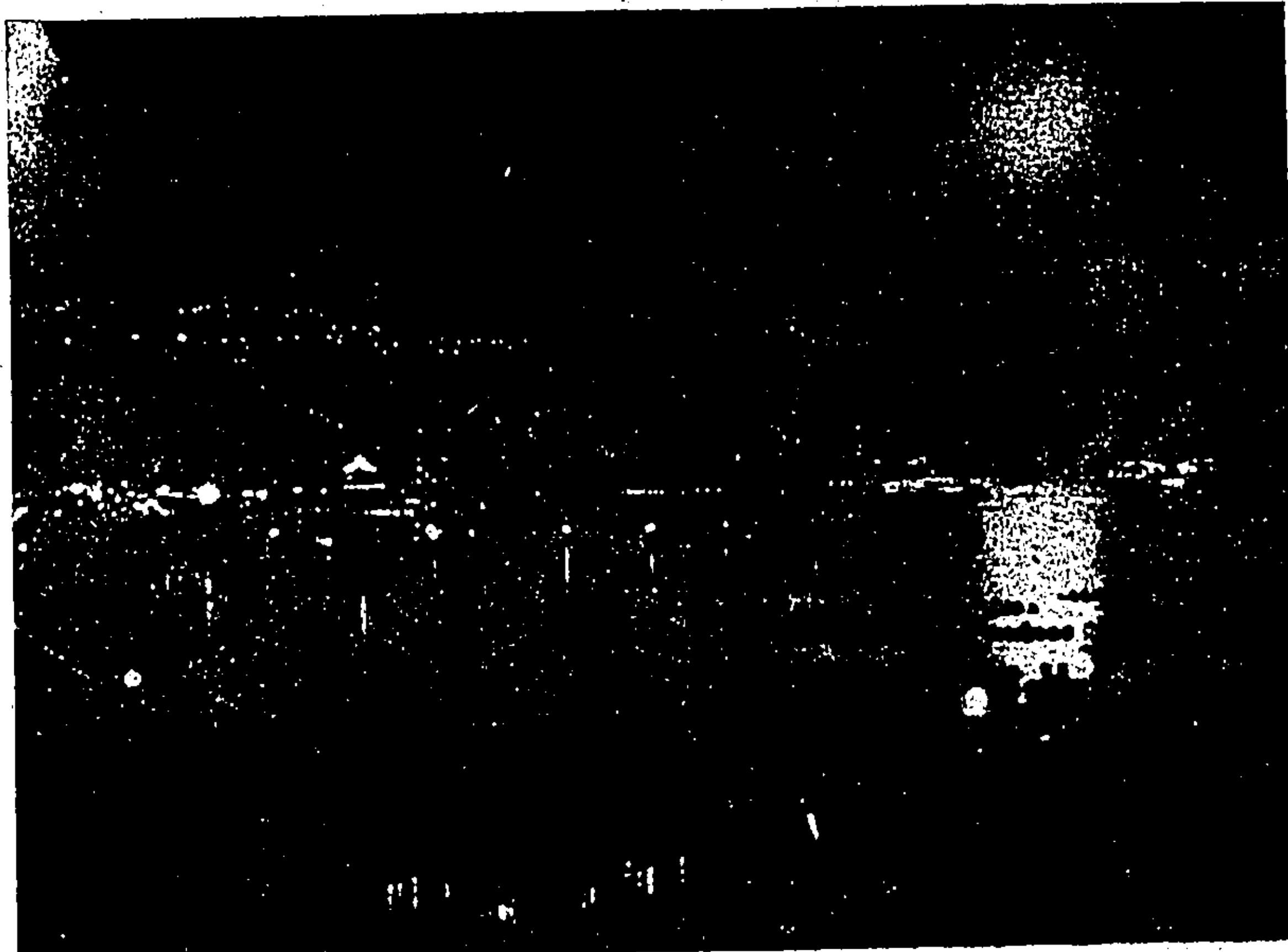
CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL.—In the Public Gardens on Sunday, at the unveiling of the memorial to the Chinese who lost their lives in the War. Left to right:—Capt. A. J. L. Whyte (A.D.C.), Major-General C. C. Lyard (G.O.C.), H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), Commodore J. L. Pearson and his secretary, Pay Comdr. H. Rodgers. (A. Fong.)



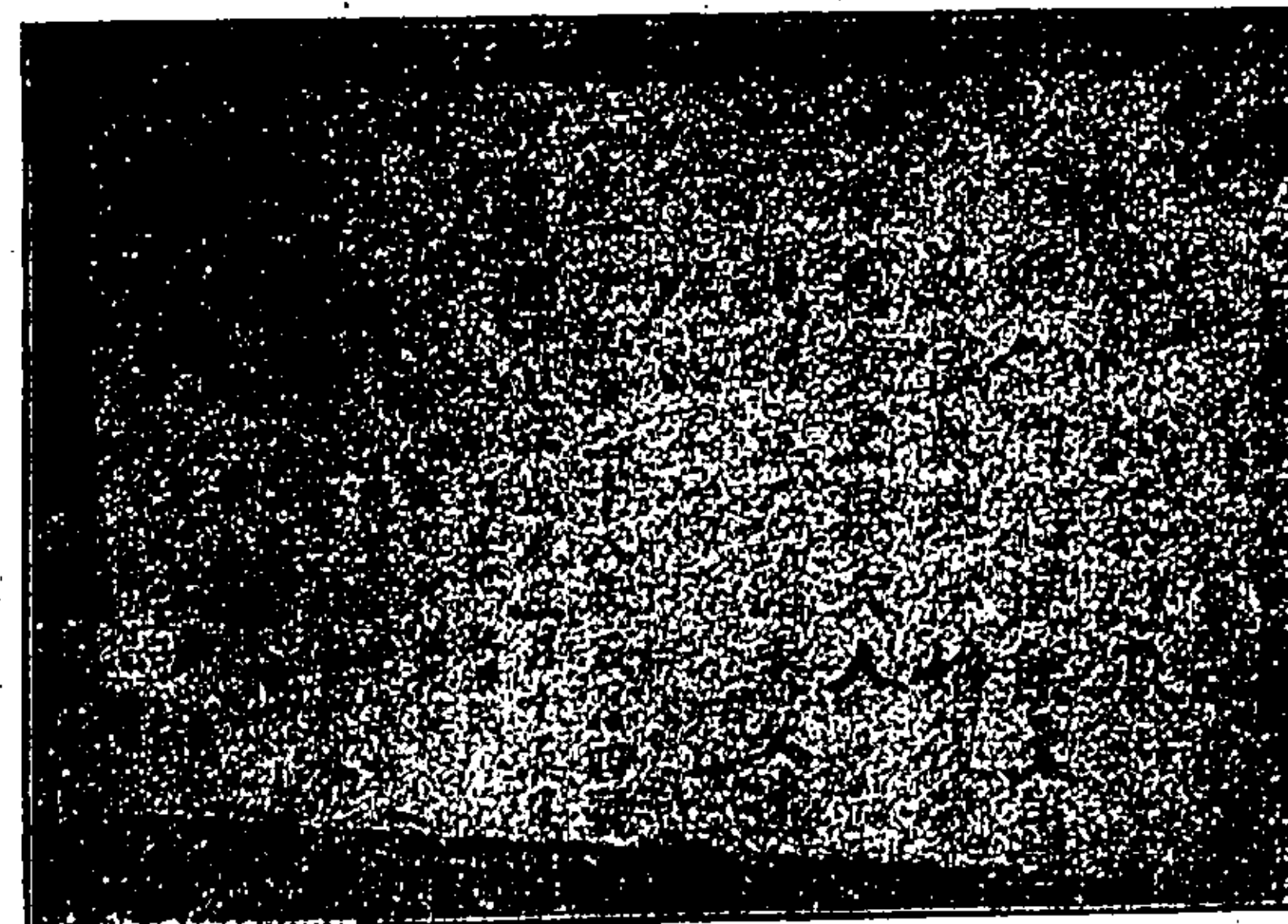
"THE HEART OF SALOME," a film which will be shown in Hong Kong shortly: a tense moment.



"BON VOYAGE."—Ladies assembled on Queen's Pier on Wednesday to bid Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi "bon voyage" on their departure on long leave. The central figure nearer the camera is His Excellency. (Welcome Studio.)



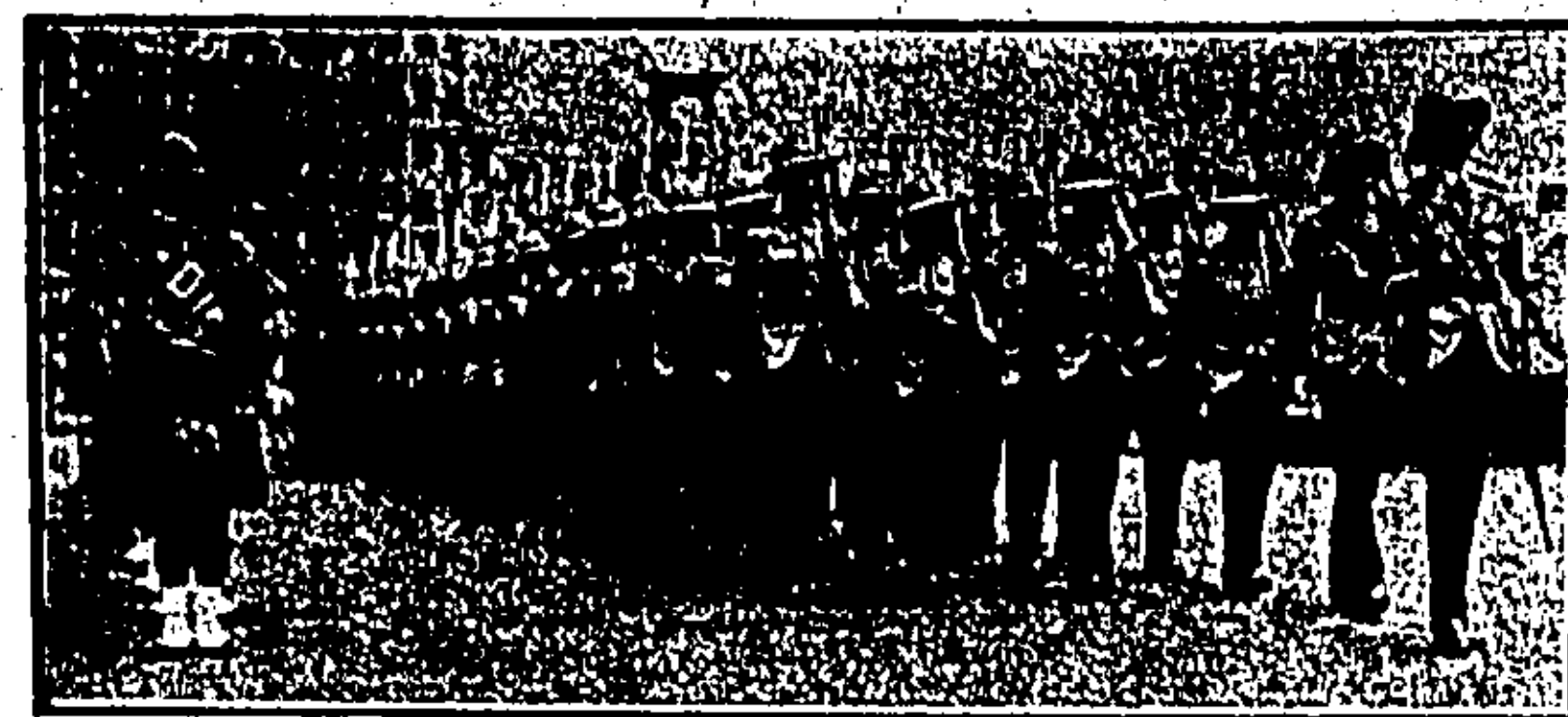
HONG KONG BY NIGHT.—An unconventional view of Hong Kong's terraces of lights, as seen from Causeway Bay. Note the roads along the Peak levels defined by the "white dots."



A PERPETUAL REMINDER.—The inscription, in Chinese, on the foundation stone of the Tung Wah eastern hospital. H.E. the Governor's name appears as "Kam Man Tai." (A. Fong.)



THE HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHORN, Officer Administering the Government for the second time.



THE "KOSBIES."—Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., who commanded the Guard of Honour from the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers when H.E. the Governor proceeded on holiday on Wednesday. On the left are seen the Pipers. (Welcome Studio.)



POPULAR WINNER.—New Year's Eve, with Mr. Proulx up, being led in by Mrs. H. H. H. Priestley, after winning the "A" class, once round, handicap at last Saturday's race. (Lee Fong.)



H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—A studio portrait of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who was accorded the rare honour of the presence of a high Canton official on the occasion of his departure on leave on Wednesday. (C. M. Special.)



VERY GOOD TIME.—Mr. R. H. Charles, on Mr. "Eve's" Boxing Eve, winner of the mile race last Saturday in excellent time, being led in by Mrs. H. H. H. Priestley. Note Mr. Charles's "seat."



"IS ZAT SO?"—A William Fox production coming here soon. Edmund Lowe has both arms full—Kathryn Perry is her name.



AT QUEEN'S PIER.—Left to right:—H.E. the Governor, Capt. P. Perfect (K.O.S.B.) and Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, R.E., the Alder de-Camp, and Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn, O.C., 2nd K.O.S.B. (Welcome Studio.)



SAYING GOODBYE.—H.E. the Governor saying goodbye. On the extreme left (back to camera) is Sir Robert Ho Tung. On the right are the three Misses Clementi. (Welcome Studio.)



MEMORIAL ARCH.—The scene at the Chinese War Memorial after it had been unveiled. (A. Fong.)



NEW TUNG WAH HOSPITAL FUNCTION.—Left to right, front row, Dr. W. B. A. Moore (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), Mr. Lo Yin-nin (one of the Hospital directors), Mrs. W. T. Southorn, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Lady Chow, H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), Mr. Tang Shiu-kin (chairman of the Hospital board), Lady Clementi, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn (now Officer Administering the Government), Mr. Ng Wah (another director) and two other directors. (Yim Fong.)

DROUGHT'S GRIP.

NO MONSOONAL RAINS IN QUEENSLAND.
SEED RENDERED USELESS.

"Quite a lot of misapprehension exists regarding the position of the wool grower in Central and North-Western Queensland," said Mr. G. Pollock, M.L.A. (Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Assembly), in an interview. The truth was, he said, that very few properties, even in the Barcaldine district, which, of all the Western areas, had been most favoured by rain, had had sufficient rain to see them over the winter.

"The great bulk of pastoralists, except in the South-west, with which I am not well acquainted," said Mr. Pollock, "are unable to carry their few remaining sheep on until the winter. The majority have no possible chance of carrying their remnants of flocks over the winter without feeding. And, of course, some men are unable to raise sufficient money to feed their stock over the winter. Storms are too patchy to be of real benefit. They miss too much country. For example, three selectors near Winton have participated in every storm that has fallen. One of these had 6-in. of rain over most of his property at Christmas, 1926. The country on these three places never had a chance to become really destitute. They, of course, are in a happy position. But the country adjoining them is quite bare. Only general rain can save this country—and the West does not usually get general rain after the end of March. Just another month to go! One can imagine the anxiety of the Western people, toilers and pastoralists alike.

No Monsoonal Rains.

"The regularity with which the monsoonal rains are missing Central and North-Western Queensland is most alarming. Apparently this rain sweeps straight south from Cairns, which most people are unaware, is further west than Charleville, and while the latter place shares in some of the falls the rain goes very little farther west. The following rainfalls on one station in the Boulia district in the North-west of Queensland over the past seven years makes an interesting study:—1921—January, 235 pts.; March, 332; April, 93; May, 28; June, 263; September, 70; October, 15; November, 80; December, 71; total, 1223 pts.; 1922—June, 45 pts.; December, 65; total, 100 pts. 1923.—January, 63 pts.; June, 128; October, 74; December, 70; total, 325 pts.; 1924—January, 60 pts.; February, 251; September, 60; October, 80; November, 250; December, 142; total, 803 (20 falls altogether). 1925—January, 131 pts.; February, 35; March, 30; November, 103; total, 209 pts. 1926.—March, 248 pts.; May, 15; September, 90; total, 353 pts. 1927.—February, 25 pts.; June, 7; December, 104; total, 136 pts.

Good Seed Rendered Useless.

"On my recent tour I saw open downs country, ordinarily under Mitchell grass, which had had from 4-in. to 5-in. of rain. Nothing but weeds and soft rubbish had grown there. The big old clumps of Mitchell grass showed no response whatever. Huge areas of the best of our Western country are in a similar condition, and this is caused solely by light storms of up to a couple of inches having fallen without being followed by further rain. These storms have caused the grass seed to germinate, but, after it has appeared a couple of inches above the ground, the fierce heat of the sun has killed it. As a result the good seed has been rendered useless for further propagation, and no new seed has been created because of the new shoots not reaching the seeding stage.

No Natural Increases.

"Huge flocks of sheep have died in these districts; but how many no man can truthfully say. There are so many on agistment in other parts that it will be some time before the owners really know. And, of course, there will be further losses. In most places there has been no lambing or two years. So that the loss in what would have been an ordinary natural increase totals a colossal amount. For example, Winton, 27 miles from Winton, lost, up to May last, 70,000 out of 90,000 of the best sheep in Queensland. They had been carefully culled and bred over a period of about 20 years to bring them to such a high standard. This class of sheep cannot be replaced except at huge cost. Perhaps not even then. Other graziers in these Central-western and North-western districts have lost up to 80 per cent., and even 90 per cent. of their flocks. And the buyers came from all over the

MUSICAL ART.

SIR T. BEECHAM EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS.

"A MISERABLE FATE"

Paris.—Sir Thomas Beecham, had a magnificent reception at the Opera recently on his first appearance in Paris as a conductor. Subsequently he made some interesting remarks at a Press luncheon given in his honour.

He contrasted what he called the "miserable fate of the musical art" in England with its progress in the United States, where he found it wonderfully organised. He had to present the same programme three times in one American city because there were three different audiences. America, he said, was now able to obtain 70 per cent. of the finest musicians in the world. Yet a large percentage of the greatest singers came from the British Empire, but they had to exercise their art outside it.

At the Opera the audience, a cosmopolitan one, was not as large as was expected—a fact attributed to insufficient publicity—but the enthusiastic applause which punctuated the performance of the choice programme from the first to the last item was very flattering to the English conductor. He was given a fine ovation when he laid down his baton, and was recalled several times.

The orchestra was that of the Societe des Concerts, consisting of professors and prize winners of the Paris Conservatoire, and they too joined in the demonstration at the end until, at a signal from Sir Thomas Beecham, who had shaken hands with the first violinist they rose and received their merited share of the musical triumph. What struck the audience, as it had impressed the orchestra at the rehearsal on the previous day, was that Sir Thomas Beecham conducted without having the score before him. The French musicians were both charmed and amazed, and cheered the great feat of memory.

The concert opened with Sir Edward Elgar's "Cockaigne," which was faultlessly interpreted. It was followed by three pieces by Handel—the melodious overture to "Jesuo," the poetic minuet from "Il Pastor Fido," and the rippling "Bourree" from "Rodrigo." Each of these items evoked loud and prolonged applause. What impressed the audience particularly by its melody—colourful, yearning, and, at times, haunting—was the intermezzo of "The Walk to the Paradise Garden," from "A Village Romeo and Juliet," by Frederick Delius. The foreign masters were now laid under contribution. Mozart's Symphony No. 34 was given, and was followed by the Poeme Symphonique, of the French composer; Vincent d'Indy, the concluding piece being the majestic overture to Wagner's "Die Meistersinger."

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Problem of Restocking.

"How to maintain that quality when restocking begins is one of the serious problems the Government and the grazier will have to face. Whether the price of the proper class of sheep in New South Wales will be too high, after the drought has broken, is a matter of grave concern to us all. To the grazier, two high-class merino sheep are better than three medium quality sheep as an economic proposition. It costs as much, and it requires as much country, to feed a sheep of poor quality as it does one of high-class quality. Graziers are hopeful that the banks and other financial institutions, with properties in both States, will help to keep the prices of the right class of sheep at a reasonable level for restocking, but, with all their help, it seems likely that it will be another three to five years, even with the blessing of good seasons, before the industry will be on a proper footing again, so far as quality and quantity of wool is concerned. And for that time it would seem inevitable that a large portion of our present trade depression will continue, for this is easily our most valuable industry. In the whole of the Central-western and North-western Queensland, perhaps half a dozen owners have commenced to restock. The others cannot hope to make any move until after heavy, soaking rain has fallen. Even at that, it will take at least two or three good seasons to restore the same body of grass as existed prior to the drought. This is not an attempt at moaning over the plight of Westerners. So far as I can judge, it is the true position as it exists. Would that it were untrue. And in the rehabilitation of this industry, not alone are the pastoralists and business people and general workers of the West, the interested parties. All sections in the cities will continue to suffer some privation until the pastoral industry again reaches a normal condition."—Queenslander.

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LEGAL FIGHT FOR A SLICE OF LONDON.

NEW "LANDLORD"

London.—Tenants of a huge South London estate which is reputed to be worth at least £40,000,000 walking up to an empty house to pay rent to a new "landlord," whose claim to the property has not yet been legally proven—

The formation of a £10,000 syndicate, with a peer and other titled persons on it, to fight his case for him in the courts—

These were two aspects of what is becoming known in the Brixton, S.W., district as the Angell Estate Drama (writes a "Daily News and Westminster" reporter). Mr. William Adrian Allery, a veteran of 83, of Larkhall



Queen Souriya, of Afghanistan, left, and Queen Victoria, of England, riding through the streets of London after the latter had greeted the former on her arrival. The Afghan Queen and King are making a tour of Europe and after a visit to London will sail for the United States, where they will make a brief visit.

Rise, Clapham, S.W., seized two empty houses on the estate in Brixton-road by forcing the doors. In one of the houses he opened an office and installed an agent to receive the rents, which he claims are his due, and which are estimated to reach more than £1,000,000 a year.

End of 50 Years' Search. "After a 50 years' search," Mr. Allery said to me. "I found an old register of Townstal Church, South Devon, containing the certificate of the marriage of my ancestor, Samuel Allery, to Elizabeth Benedict Angell in 1711. That was the missing link in the chain of evidence which proves my claim."

"My family has been hunting for it on and off for 200 years. They did not find it because a page, torn from the marriage register, had been inserted by mistake in the register of christenings."

I am going to seize other houses on the estate at the first opportunity. The major portion of the estate, which covers 60 square miles and extends to Purley, is at present owned, it is understood, by Mr. C. R. Angell, who is resident on the South Coast. The remainder of the property is controlled by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Their agents declined to make any statement on the course they intend to adopt.

Tenants' Dilemma.

Meanwhile Mr. Allery has already received more than £150 in rent. Some tenants, however, took their rent to the old owners and others decided to withhold payment until the dispute is legally settled. In a

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SHANGHAI POLICE RESCUE PRISONER.

KIDNAPPING GANG.

The creditable work performed by the Shanghai Municipal Police was further placed on record last week (says the "N. C. Daily News" to hand) when the Provisional Court endorsed the charge sheet in a kidnapping case—"Police" highly commended by Court for an excellent and most meritorious piece of work."

The case was one in which 13 Chinese were charged with armed kidnapping and holding to ransom a Chinese boy, for whose release they demanded \$1,500,000.

Insp. Mason said that the accused were arrested as the result

AT 35.

JOBS TOO HARD TO FIND.

IN AUSTRALIA.

When does a man become too old for his job?

The report from England that a postal telegraphist is too old at 35 finds no confirmation among telegraphists in Australia. In Australia they can go on, like the brook, for ever, or at least until the retiring age of 65. A sunny climate does much to combat the evil effects of various strenuous indoor occupations.

But in one or two jobs—the firefighter and the ferry deck-hand, for instance—the limit of usefulness comes before 40.

One of the worst jobs is a diver's. Insurance companies will have nothing to do with him, or only accept him at a "loaded" premium. The constant pressure under which he works inevitably has its effect on his heart, and there has been no case in New-South Wales of a diver carrying on with his job after 50.

A stonemason, who works under cover—in subterranean tunnels, or under a canvas screen—may last until 45 or 50, and in exceptional cases, even longer, but that is the limit for the majority. He is constantly inhaling stone-dust, and unlike his brother who works in the open, in a quarry, for instance, the air he breathes is constantly impregnated with the dust.

Peter Pan Deck Hands.

There is a difference of opinion about the working span of a ferry deck-hand or fireman. According to the Manly Steamship Co., they never die. There are many men on these boats who are working still at 55 or 58, and who started at 18.

A different tale is told by the Sydney Ferries. Most of the deck hands start at 18, but (according to the union) by 35, except in unusual cases, they have passed away to easier occupations.

They say that, for most of them, the job becomes too strenuous at the age of 35 or so, though they admit that the ambition to get on in the world also leads them to other work. A few qualify as masters, while some put to sea on coastal or interstate vessels.

A policeman's life is a healthy one, and the N.S.W. police in general seem to survive the attentions of "roughs" and razor gangs, while their training and outdoor life make them fairly proof against disease. The retiring age is 60, and retirement is compulsory at 65, yet the average policeman dies soon after he retires. Few police live after 65.

A telephone girl can still be a telephone girl at 60, if she wishes, but very few survive to this age. In her case it is not incompetency or age which robs the department of her services, but marriage.

Cupid has his eye on all the manual telephone exchanges, and most of the operators are his victims before they are 25, and the majority of the balance leave the switchboard for the home before 30. Still, in country centres, there are several operators of 55 or 58.

Shopgirls, Also.

The same tale is told of shopgirls. The reason why one does not see many elderly women behind the counters, is not because they cannot stand up to the demands of the occupation, but because they succumb to matrimony. So different are conditions here

MARRIAGE "HOAX."

REGISTER OFFICE PUZZLE FOR MR. CARL KELLARD.

QUEER AFFAIR.

The following notice of marriage was given recently at St. George's Hanover-square, Register Office. Carl Kellard, described as a bachelor and an actor, aged 30, of the Park-lane Hotel, and Miss Edith Clifford, aged 32, of the same address.

Mr. Kellard, however, describes the notice as a hoax. He said to the "Evening Standard":—

"I am going to take all the steps I can to find out definitely who did it."

I cannot understand this at all. The whole thing must be a hoax, and what is more, I have a pretty good idea who is responsible for it."

Mr. Kellard jocularly added: "I am an old married man now. I have been married over two years, the ceremony being performed in America."

Mr. Kellard said he had been in England for about five weeks. He was over here for a little holiday trip. He was not inclined to agree with his description as an actor, but added, "I have done a little bit of acting."

"A Joke."

Miss Edith Clifford is an English-born vaudeville artist who returned to this country recently. She made a hit on her appearance at the Victoria Palace. She, however, appeared only one evening, was taken ill with laryngitis, and was compelled to stay out of the bill for the rest of the week.

Miss Clifford is now well on the way to recovery, and hopes to complete her theatrical engagement. She was not available, but her maid, who answered an inquiry, said, "Someone is playing a joke." She added that she could not discuss Miss Clifford's matrimonial affairs.

At the register office it was stated that a man and a woman came and gave the notice. The necessary signature was given by the man, who signed himself "Carl Kellard."

and in England that for plain manual telegraph operating an older man is preferable to a younger one. The young man of to-day, some officials say, is of a weeder build than his predecessors, and he tires very quickly when using a manual transmitter. The General Post Office has adopted all manner of electric devices to make transmitting easy, and a visitor who goes through the operating room will notice that these are in favour with the younger men.

The veterans will have nothing to do with them, and there are men of over 50, now working at the tables, whose touch is said to be joy to listen to.

There is another side to the picture. Tele-type machines have been adopted for work between the big centres, and the older men are not sufficiently adaptable to learn to work them.

The fireman is a man who does not last very long on the job. This does not mean that there are no old firemen—many men of over 50 take their places on the engines in the metropolis, but the majority are forced to seek some less active work before 40.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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May 13, 1928.

Rogation Sunday.

Choral Eucharist, 8 a.m.
Military Service, 9.30 a.m.
Children's Service, 10.15 a.m.
Peak Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Matins and Litany, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
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Sunday, May 13th.

5th Sunday After Easter.

Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6 p.m.
Preacher at both services: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.
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Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10.30 a.m.

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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1928:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER

WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam	12' 11" 17' 5" B	12' 11" 17' 5" B
Tytam Byewash	18' 4" B 18' 8" B	18' 4" B 18' 8" B
Tytam Intermediate	18' 0" B 18' 4" B	18' 0" B 18' 4" B
Tytam Tuk	23' 4" B 23' 8" B	23' 4" B 23' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung	21' 7" B 21' 10" B	21' 7" B 21' 10" B
Pokfulum	12' 1" B 11' 10" B	12' 1" B 11' 10" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A. denotes "Above Overflow."]

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam	283.99	253.30
Tytam Byewash	3.07	4.67
Tytam Intermediate	143.90	171.36
Tytam Tuk	820.00	658.00
Wong Nei Chung	8.80	12.62
Pokfulum	59.63	40.44

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1927	1928
Consumption	215.29	217.00
Estimated population	411,000	421,880
Consumption per head per day	17.4	17.1

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden-road during April, 1927, and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts east of Garden-road during April, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during April, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir 18' 0" B 17' 4" B

Shek Lai Pul Reservoir 20' 4" B 9' 2" B

Reception Reservoir 0' 10" B 2' 0" B

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	191.50	190.58
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	31.43	61.24
Reception Reservoir	80.95	27.97

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1927	1928
Consumption	81.36	87.53
Estimated population	169,820	164,339
Consumption per head per day	17.0	19.7

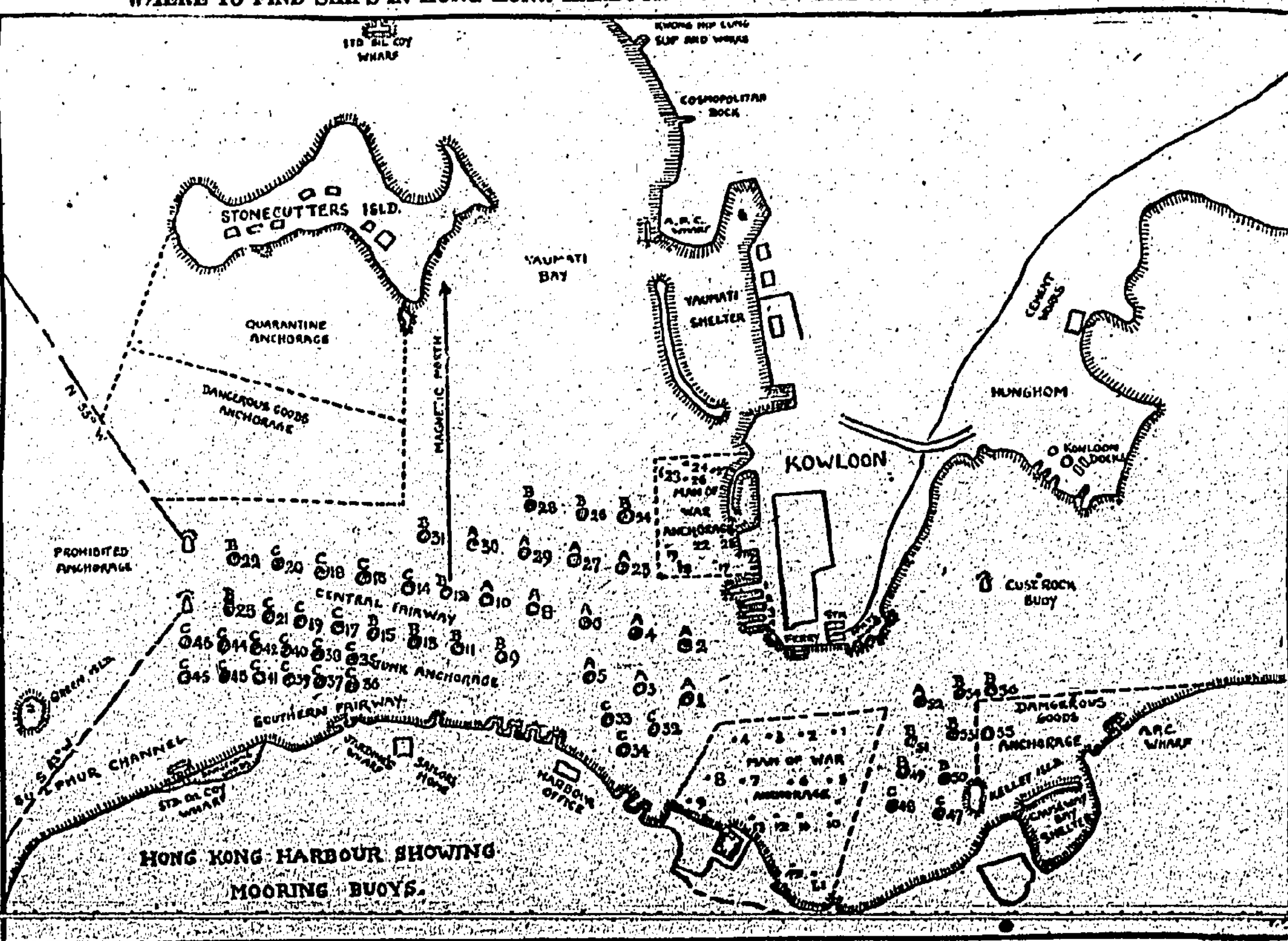
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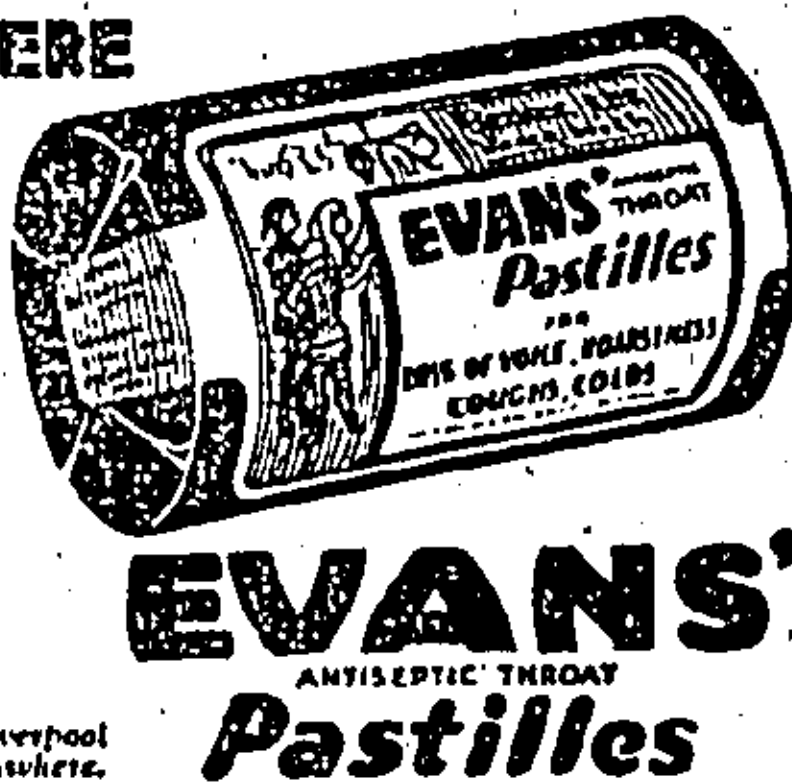
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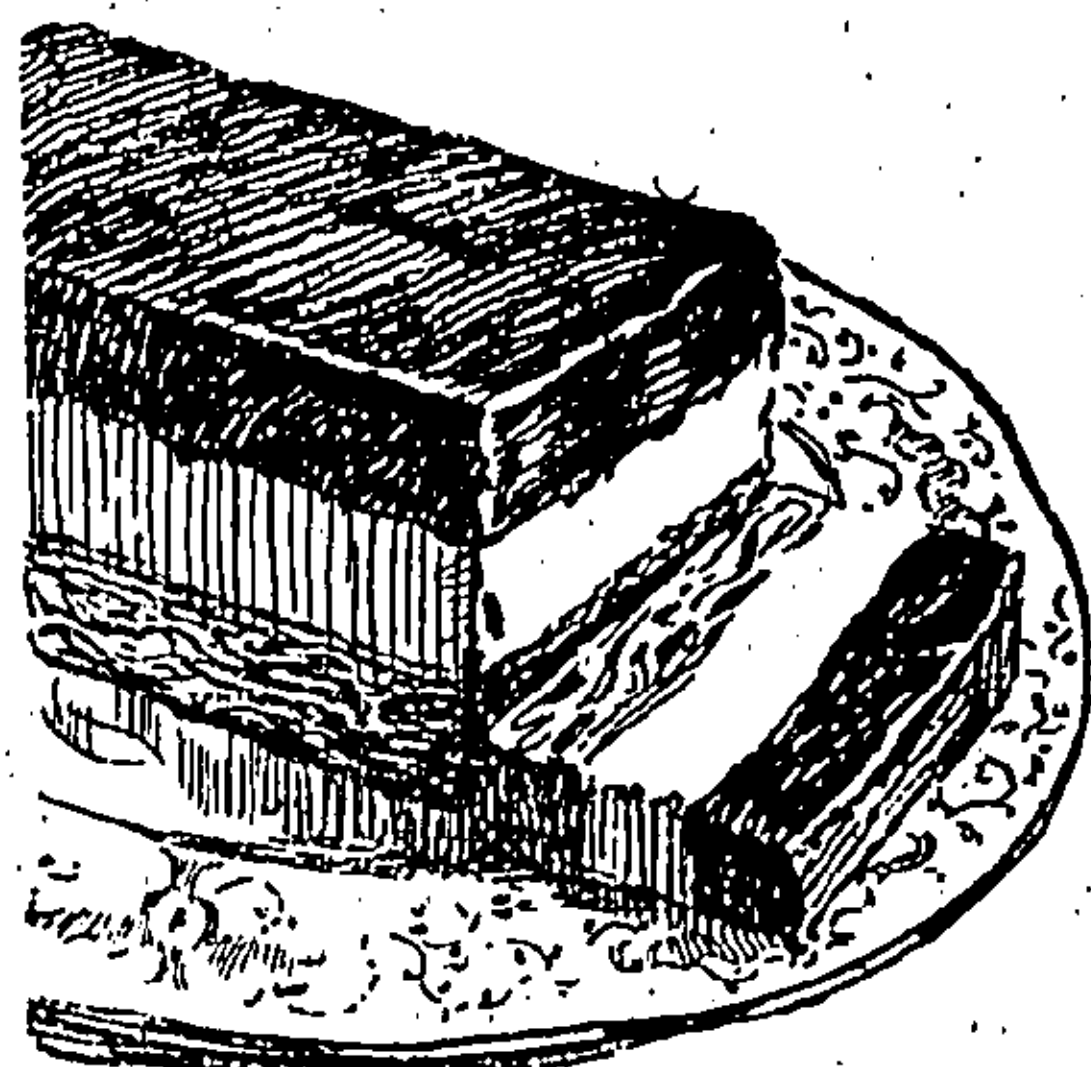
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Teachers of the Tungshan district have gone out on strike to enforce their demands for their wages, which have been in arrears for some time past.

Mr. J. A. J. W. Nieuwenhuys, of the Java-China-Japan Line, has returned to Shanghai. He has been home on leave, and after leaving Holland spent some time in Java, on his way to the East.

Ten armed robberies, none of great consequence, were perpetrated over the week-end, says a Shanghai contemporary. In no instance did the robbers obtain more than \$500—there were no shots, and no arrests.

The forthcoming A. D. C. production "All the King's Horses" is due to be staged at the Lyceum Theatre on the 16th, 18th and 19th of this month. The cast includes several artists new to the Shanghai public, but not by any means to the stage.



Dr. de Visser, Minister of the Interior of the Netherlands, who has been appointed by the Government of that country to deliver the address which will open the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Langston, of the Hong Kong Electric Co., are passengers to-day by the s.s. "Kashgar." Their three children accompany them.

Last Sunday afternoon a Chinese, formerly a constable in the French police, who had been without work for more than a year, jumped into the Whangpoo in an attempt to commit suicide. Rescued, however, by some boatmen, the man was taken to St. Marie's Hospital, where he is considered to be out of danger.

In H. M. Supreme Court on the 7th inst. before Judge G. W. King, Messrs. Hall & Holtz Ltd. brought a case against Mr. E. M. Hynd. Plaintiffs claimed that \$97.94 was due to them from Mr. Hynd for goods supplied. The defendant did not appear in Court and Judge King gave judgment for the plaintiffs, with costs.

The total expenses incurred in training and equipping a crew for the boat race generally amount to a little more than \$1,000. A new boat is built every year and costs about \$1300 and there is a further sum of \$25 for the oars. The cost of boarding and lodging a crew varies, for it may be invited to stay with a private host when at Putney. All that a member of a crew is called on to supply is his outfit.

Geneva. — Swiss self-respect, which for years has smarted under the uncomplimentary use made of the word "Schweizer" (Swiss) in Germany, has at last received satisfaction owing to the energetic intervention of the Swiss Minister in Berlin. Schweizer is often employed in Germany to describe a cowherd or farm labourer, and the German Foreign Office has promised that in future it shall disappear from the official publication "Wirtschaft und Recht."

The new hut of the Soldiers' Christian Association at 68 Yuyuen-road, Shanghai, was opened recently. A dedication service was held, when about 60 missionaries and friends, as well as 20 odd soldiers were present. The cost of the hut with all the necessary fittings, etc., amounted to Tls. 2,300, out of which Tls. 2,000 has been received. The hut still needs a verandah and mosquito proofing; this will cost approximately Tls. 450, so that they need for the completion of the work a sum of Tls. 750 to cover the total cost. Cheques or bank notes can be sent to Major Lee Spratt at 68 Yuyuen-road.

The flag on the Shanghai Municipal buildings was half-masted last Monday out of respect for the late Mr. E. F. Goodale.

Many friends of Mrs. Alfred Morris will be sorry to hear that she is leaving to-day on sick leave by the s.s. "Kashgar," and all will wish her a speedy recovery.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Hawkins" extended a very cordial invitation to members of the British Women's Association and their lady friends to a farewell dance, at the Town Hall, Shanghai, on the 9th inst. from 9 to 2 a.m.

A presentation was made yesterday on behalf of the clerical and compradore staffs of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., to Mr. E. E. Mimmack, the assistant accountant, who is leaving the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Kashgar," having been promoted and appointed to the Singapore branch of the Bank.

Owing to the prevalence of pirates and bandits and the fact that vessels are constantly being commandeered by the troops for transportation purposes, the smaller Chinese shipping companies have decided temporarily to suspend sailings to Shantung and Chihli. It is said that during the past few months they have suffered losses to the extent of a lakh of taels. The Nationalist Government have been requested to despatch gunboats and troops to the Shantung coast to suppress the pirates.

The Jewish Amateur Dramatic Circle of Shanghai have chosen as the final performance before the closing of this season one of the most humorous and lively of Yiddish musical comedies entitled "Borg Mir Dein Yieb" ("Lend Me Your Wife"), which is in four acts, rehearsals for which have already commenced and are progressing most satisfactorily. The production of this operetta is in the capable hands of Mr. S. Wulff, and it will be presented on Saturday night, June 2, at the Lyceum Theatre.

Another attempted hold-up occurred last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock in Route Amiral Corbet, Shanghai, when a foreign lady, Miss L. F. Bridger, entering her house, was seized suddenly from behind by a Chinese who had been following her for a short while. Miss Bridger was hit upon the chest by what she thought to be a revolver, and felt her bag being wrenched from her hand. She gave several loud cries and attracted the attention of a foreign man passing in a motor car, who stopped his car and ran to her assistance. By this time the Chinese had made off, but the foreigner started out in pursuit and captured him a short distance away. He took the thief to the French police station in Rue Pottier where the police started investigations. It was found that the only weapon the thief carried was a cigarette-holder.

Mr. A. Murdoch presided at the seventh annual meeting of the British Legion (Hong Kong and China Branch) yesterday. The report stated that membership had decreased during the year and a request was made that the members bring to the notice of any ex-service men and women who are not members the fact that there is a Branch of the Legion in the Colony. Thanks were expressed to Miss Daisy O'Keefe for a donation of \$20, which had been remitted home, and for the donations from the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Boxing Association, added to which was the annual interest from the late Sir Paul Chater's fund. Col. Hayley Bell mentioned that the success of the Poppy Day effort was greatly due to the work done by Mr. Piercy, as Mr. Leask was in hospital. Mr. Piercy deserved the thanks of the members for his services.

Sir Alfred D. Fripp, at a luncheon of the Ancient Order of Froth-blowers at the Hotel Metropole during Easter announced "a nice little Easter egg for charities." It has been decided, he said, that \$20,000 of the order's fund should be allocated as follows: \$14,000 as a permanent endowment to a fund for helping Girl Guides and Boy Scouts; \$1,000 for the endowment of two cots at Guy's Hospital; \$500 each for the endowment of cots at Queen Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton, Queen Mary Hospital, E. Charlton Cross Hospital, the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Samuel-street, Woolwich; \$500 to the Dockland Settlement; \$500 to the School Journeys Association; \$500 to King's College; \$500 to Wee Wulfs of the Press Fund; and \$500 to the Mansion House Miners' Fund. Sir Alfred Fripp said the \$14,000 for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts was to enable them to go to camp with children in a more fortunate financial position.

Mr. E. H. Cressy, of the China Christian Educational Association, returned to Shanghai last Monday after a visit to Canton and Fochow.

An eagle seen flying over Buckingham is believed to be the one which alarmed farmers in South Buckinghamshire. It settled on an oak tree and put about 50 crows to flight.

The Commissioner of Public Safety (Shanghai Native City) has issued an order for the suppression of all kinds of indecent theatricals, films, books and pictures, as, it is said, they have a very bad effect upon public morals.

Vice-Admiral Li Ching-hsi, Superintendent of Customs, has notified the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce that orders have been received from the Nationalist Government whereby the Chinese language will be the official language of the Customs hereafter.



New York.—The dove of peace—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, receiving another medal—this one from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. At the dinner in the great flyer's honor, the prize of \$25,000 was also presented to him for his achievements in the cause of peace, made on his memorable good-will flight through Latin America.

A legal partnership of Messrs. W. S. Fleming, C. S. Franklin, and N. F. Allman was recently announced, Mr. Franklin becoming associated with the firm of Fleming & Allman.

The Australian wedge-tailed eagle which escaped from the London Zoological Gardens was recaptured. A piece of raw meat laid close to a tree in a garden of a house in Oval-road, Regent's Park, lured the bird from the tree top and it was taken back to the aviary.

Over the week-end the Shanghai Municipal police arrested 92 persons who were charged at the Provisional Court. In this number were 10 alleged armed robbers arrested by West Hongkew detectives, two alleged murderers, and two who were found in possession of 12 new Mauser .38 calibre pistols. Twenty-seven of the lot have been in custody before.

Unsuccessful search was again made for the bear which escaped from Mr. Chapman's private zoological depot at Withead Hall, Brighton. Drenching rain prevented many people from taking part in the hunt. Some 50 men and boys of the villages on the northern slopes of the downs made an early morning sweep, beating the gorse and poking the undergrowth. Motorists and R.F.A. cadets later took up the hunt.

The Shelter House admits only women of advanced age. Eleven applicants have secured admission, one of them being over 90 years of age. Last Sunday afternoon the Shelter House under the wing of the Shanghai Hebrew Relief Society was inaugurated by the committee by giving a tea party to all friends and well-wishers. Quite a number were present to inspect the premises and the arrangements made to give practical help to the aged and crippled in life.

About 50 silent singers occupied seats on one side of the body of St. Clement's Church, Broughton, Manchester, where the choir is on strike. The choir stalls were empty and the choristers appeared as members of the congregation, but stood in silence during the hymns and other singing. "Passive resistance" was the description applied to their conduct by one of them. A member of the congregation said to a reporter. Trouble has arisen because the members of St. Clement's cricket club object to the ruling of the rector, the Rev. J. Daft, against smoking at meetings in the school.

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HOBBS MAKES ANOTHER CENTURY.

MORE BIG SCORES.

Jack Hobbs, the greatest batsman living, has made his second century in first-class cricket this season. Results of matches concluded yesterday are as follow (as cabled by Reuter):—

Surrey v. Gloucester.
At the Oval, Surrey drew with Gloucester, the latter leading on the first innings. Scores:—
Surrey 418 runs (Barling 158); and 304 runs for 6 wks. (Hobbs 124).
Gloucester 514 runs (Hammond 205 not out, B. Lyon 131).
Worcester v. Yorks.
At Worcester, Worcestershire drew with Yorkshire, the latter



Rhodes, the Yorkshire veteran.

leading on the first innings. Scores:—
Worcester 402 runs; and 203 runs for 3 wks. (Higgins 101).
Yorkshire 560 runs for 6 wks., dec. (Leyland 247, Rhodes 100 not out).
Somerset v. Middlesex.
At Taunton, Somerset drew with Middlesex, the latter leading on the first innings. Scores:—
Middlesex 471 runs for 6 wks., dec. (Headren 157, Hearne 223 not out).



Hearne, still doing well for Middlesex.

out); and 198 runs for 6 wks., dec. (Hearne 97 not out).
Somerset 376 runs (Ingle 117); and 145 runs for 5 wks. (Ingle 100 not out).
Lancs. v. Glamorgan.
At Manchester, Lancashire beat Glamorgan by ten wickets. Scores:—
Glamorgan 128 runs (Macdonald 6 for 38); and 370 runs (Riches 140).
Lancashire 394 runs for 8 wks., dec. (Watson 104, Hallows 101); and 107 runs for no wicket (Watson 50, Hallows 51, both not out).
Essex v. West Indies.
At Leyton, Essex drew with the West Indies touring team. Scores:—
Essex 369 runs (Russell 147); and 269 runs for 3 wks. (O'Connor 93).
West Indies 377 runs (Constantine 130).
Cantabs v. Sussex.
At Cambridge, the University drew with Sussex. Scores:—
Cambridge 402 runs for 8 wks., dec. (Turnbull 169, Seabrook 108); and 215 runs for 4 wks., dec. (Sussex 352 runs; and 192 runs for 4 wks.).
Oxford v. Kent.
At Oxford, the University lost to Kent by ten wickets. Scores:—
Kent 499 runs (Woolley 100, Cazalet 150, Hardinge 152 not out); and 66 runs for no wicket (Hardinge 51 not out).
Oxford 216 runs (Crawley 112); and 346 runs (Garland-Wells 128).

FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA A.A. v. QUEEN'S.

The South China Athletic Association senior XI will play the Queen's to-day at 5.45 p.m. at Caroline Hill.

The following will represent South China—Pau Ka-ping; Lau Kau, Li Ting-sang; Leong Wing-chiu, Leong Wing-tak, Pang Wah-hing, Wong Mee, Fung King-cheong, Lau Mau, Pau Ka-cheuk, and Ip Pak-wa.

The following will represent Queen's—Rowbottom, Hooper, Richardson, Chapman, Hill, Curtis, Richardson, Barclay, Harris, Galdout, and Laiding.

IN THE RING.

WHY I MADE HILL THE WINNER OVER PLADNER.

[By Eugene Corri.]

London, March 24.

In boxing, as in all things having to do with life, we may not hope for infallibility. We all make mistakes. But I must say I was not a little surprised when I discovered that there were those who thought that I had wrongly made Johnny Hill the winner of his fight with Emil Pladner for the fly-weight championship of Europe. I, as the sole arbiter, was never so positive of anything as I was that Hill had done enough to earn my verdict.

I will defy any man to prove to me, or anyone with a knowledge of boxing, that Pladner was the man, or that, by any system of points scoring, he made more marks than the Scot. That there was much in it I do not pretend. But, for all that, I am perfectly clear in my own mind that the Frenchman was behind when the last bell of all was sounded.

They tell me that Pladner was surprised and disappointed at my ruling; that, in fact, he believed he had won. That I can understand. It is not unusual for a fighter to find fault with the referee. The man in the chair was ever there to be shot at. I say of the French youth that he has neither the cleverness nor the skill of Hill. It was cleverness and skill that took the latter to victory. Cleverness and skill—plus wonderful courage.

It was the refusal of Hill to surrender, just as much as his boxing, that left me convinced that he is the greatest fly-weight since Jimmy Wilde. In the third round Hill was hit low. There was no doubt about it that he was then hurt. I am convinced that he would not have cried out by way of protest had he not felt that Pladner had come perilously near to fouling him.

A Stiff Pull Round.

I did not then caution the Frenchman, because I had the certainty that he had done nothing wilful, and that Hill was not disposed to make capital out of the happening. I was all for allowing the visitor every reasonable rope. I must say that I admired Hill for so steeling himself that he was able to continue.

I can assure you that, in the course of a very long experience, I have happened upon many fighters who, hit as Hill was hit in the early stages of the contest, would have gone down and writhed as they were in agony. The gameness of the Scot was wonderful. You may take it from me that he was hit very hard on occasion—notably in the ninth round, when he took a blow to the chin that would have laid most men low.

When Hill got up at the count of three I was surprised, and the more so when he so rallied that he steadied Pladner. In the times of trouble that Hill experienced he never once forgot the value of footwork. He moved around in such a way as to do the old campaigner a power of good. Hill destroyed any idea we might have that footwork is a forgotten art. In this important regard he was the master of Pladner. Not once was the Frenchman aware of what the Scot was about. Pladner, as brave a fellow who ever drew on a glove, was always guessing, and that was why he at times seemed afraid of going all out.

I agree that Hill's defence might be improved. He should not have taken the punch that put him down in the ninth round, but he is not as open as he seems to be—not by a long chalk. It must be remembered that Hill, in the matter of experience, is little more than a boy. There is always a danger of expecting too much from a youth who goes from one success to another, as he has done since he joined the ranks of the professionals. If those who have seen Hill since he embraced the ring for a living will carefully study his various fights, they will agree with me that he has been for ever improving.

Still Better Yet.

That the best of him has not yet been seen I am certain. Whether he is ripe to beat the best in the world at his poundage is a question upon which there might well be a difference of opinion. I, personally, do not know the precise quality of the little men of America. I can only assume that it is high, and that if Hill goes to the States, as is likely, he will be bound to be extended to the fullest possible limit of his capacity. I would rather he did not take the plunge yet awhile. Not that I am afraid of his chances against any fighter of his division, but because, after all, he is still lacking

But a challenge on his behalf, to fight any man in the world for anything up to \$1,000, is what might have been expected. I see in the challenge a fitting and a deserved compliment to the undoubted talents that the little man possesses. It may now be claimed for Hill that he is far and away the best boxer in Britain, and I would not quibble with those who see in him the best yet reared by Scotland—better than Tancy Lee, better than Elky Clark—and the one who may yet atone for the falling from grace of Tommy Milligan.

The end of Milligan's fight with Ireland was one that is much to be regretted. There is nothing so distressing to a fighter as a disqualification. Into the pros and cons of the fight at Waverley Market I do not propose to enter. Besides, by now it is almost ancient history. I am sure that you have heard and read all you wish to know about it. I am left wondering, however, whether we shall again see the Tommy Milligan that he was before he met Mickey Walker.

There are many of my friends, who may be numbered among the best judges of the game, who will have it that Milligan cannot now be reckoned among the world's best middle-weights.

They were tremendously disappointed with his showing against Ireland, Lionel Bettinson especially. He went to Edinburgh pretty certain that Milligan would be the winner.

Tex's Choice.

There is no telling what Tex Rickard will decide in the matter of Tunney's next opponent, but the chances are that he will send for the New Zealander, Tom Heeney, and put him against the champion next June. The position is that Rickard has guaranteed the champion two fights before the year is out, and so far as I see things, Heeney is the man for the first. Whatever Phil Scott is likely to do, there cannot at the moment be any serious thought of roping him into a battle for the world's title. Congratulations to Scott upon his success against the Belgian, Charles.

My commendations would have been the warmer had Scott won by a knock-out. But then Charles is a very tough fellow, and perhaps Scott accomplished all that could be expected of him. He is in good hands. Jimmy Johnson, his American manager, knows the ropes thoroughly and Scott will not want either for work or boosting, so long as Johnson is at the head of affairs.

Next Monday we are to see Jack Hood against Dumondin, the French welter. The worth of Dumondin I do not know, but I am assured that he has it in him to bring the best out of our champion, and so give us an idea of his chances against Alf Mancini, whom he is to meet at Holland Park for the belt, and the title that goes with it on the 27th of next month. —"Sports Dispatch."

BRITISH CHAMPIONS.

MASON AND DANIELS IN BOARD OF CONTROL LIST.

The British Boxing Board of Control held a meeting at the National Sporting Club, at which was discussed at length and finally settled the question of British championships, and the following list of official titleholders was issued to the Press:—

Fly-weight Johnny Hill.
Bantam-weight Vacant.
Feather-weight Harry Corbett.
Light-weight Harry Mason.
Welter-weight Jack Hood.
Middle-weight Tommy Milligan.
Light Heavy-weight Gipsy Daniels.
Heavy-weight Phil Scott.

Since the list was issued Milligan has lost his title to Alieu Ireland.

AMATEUR STATUS.

MRS. LAMBERT CHAMBERS TO TAKE UP COACHING.

Lawn tennis circles are surprised to learn that the ex-Champion, Mrs. Lambert Chambers, the greatest woman player ever produced by England, is renouncing her amateur status in order to take up coaching, thus following in the footsteps of the ex-Champion, Mrs. Larcombe, and the Davis Cup player, A. E. Beamish.

The Sub-Committee of the M.C.C. to select sides for the test matches against the West Indies and for the trial match will be Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, chairman, Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas, and Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan. Two professionals will be co-opted. Mr. P. F. Warner was invited to serve, but had to decline owing to the new rule debarbing a member of the committee writing on the tests until the end of the season.

The Dutch Football Association has invited Tottenham Hotspur to visit Holland for the purpose of giving the Dutch Olympic team

TEASERS.

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. Taoism is one of the three accepted religions of China, the others being Confucianism and Buddhism. The first named embraces the doctrine of the right way and is attributed to Lao-tse (670 B.C.). Its practice is considered a debased ritual in China nowadays.
2. Sirius, the dog star.
3. St. Ambrose, was the patron saint and bishop of Milan.
4. St. Ambrose (see No. 3).
5. December 31, 1923, by Ordinance No. 80 of that year. Licences were issued as from this date.
6. Comdr. G. B. Hartford, D.S.O., R.N. (Retired), who until recently commanded the Police Reserve. The Sharpshooters came into existence when the idea of an International Company of Reservists was dropped.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET AT SOOKUMPOO.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Thirty-five events which comprised the annual sports programme of St. Joseph's College, were concluded yesterday at Sookumpoo. Prizes were presented by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, D.D., who was thanked in a neat speech by Brother Aimar.

Bishop Valtorta, replying, said he felt that the afternoon's meeting would not be complete without his saying a few words of encouragement to the competitors. Sports, he said, mean Mens Sana in Corpore Sano. They developed a sound mind in a sound body.

In this connection, the speaker said that he had been in the Colony for the last 20 years and he had always known that the St. Joseph's College had turned out the finest sportsmen. Sportsmen, the speaker added, made good citizens. He, therefore, hoped that the St. Joseph's College would not confine themselves to giving the boys a sound education, which, incidentally they always had done, but would continue their field activities in the sports field.

Addressing the boys, Bishop Valtorta said they must not rest on their laurels. They should always aim higher, no matter whether it was in work or in play. The losers, he advised to train hard and win a prize next time.

The Sports.

Successful competitors were:—

Long Jump (Junior):—1. J. Mark; 2. C. Santos. 15 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump (Senior):—1. Tan Chin-hing; 2. V. Fernandez. 18 ft. 5 ins.

100 Yards Flat Race (boys from 6 to 10):—1. G. Sequeira; 2. R. Crestejo; 3. A. Souza.

100 Yards Flat Race (Junior):—1. J. Mark; 2. C. Santos. 11.2.5 secs.

100 Yards Flat Race (Senior):—1. V. Fernandez; 2. M. Murata. 10.4.5 secs.

High Jump (Junior):—1. J. Mark; 2. C. Santos. 4 ft. 9 ins.

High Jump (Senior):—1. Wing Yau; 2. Hing Yau. 5 ft. 4 1/2 ins.

120 Yards Flat Race (Handicap open to boys of the Kai Lap School):—1. Fook Sik-kan; 2. Chan Kin; 3. Chau Sing-chow.

220 Yards Flat Race (Junior):—1. J. Mark; 2. Alvaro d'Alis. 27 secs.

220 Yards Flat Race (Senior Challenge Cup presented by S.J.C.A.):—1. M. Murata; 2. Hui Hing-lam. 25.4.5 secs.

100 Yards Flat Race (Handicap open to St. Joseph's College branch):—1. F. Xavier; 2. So Yip-wa.

Hitting the Pot (boys under 4 ft. 6 ins.):—1. H. Osmund; 2. A. B. Hartman.

Relay Race (200 yards, open to schools of the Colony):—Won by St. Paul's College.

440 Yards (Junior) Challenge Cup presented by old Josephians of Cable Companies):—1. C. Santos; 2. A. J. Asis. 1 min. 2 secs.

440 Yards (Senior Challenge Cup):—1. C. Santos; 2. J. Figueroa. 57 secs.

120 Yards (open to St. Mary's School):—1. Miss C. Remedios; 2. Miss M. Pereira; 3. Miss E. Gill.

Scouts' Race (220 Yards):—1. Yau Chin-ye; 2. J. Brewer.

Find the Coin (boys under 4 ft. 6 ins.):—1. Au Yung-hing; 2. G. Souza; 3. L. Remedios.

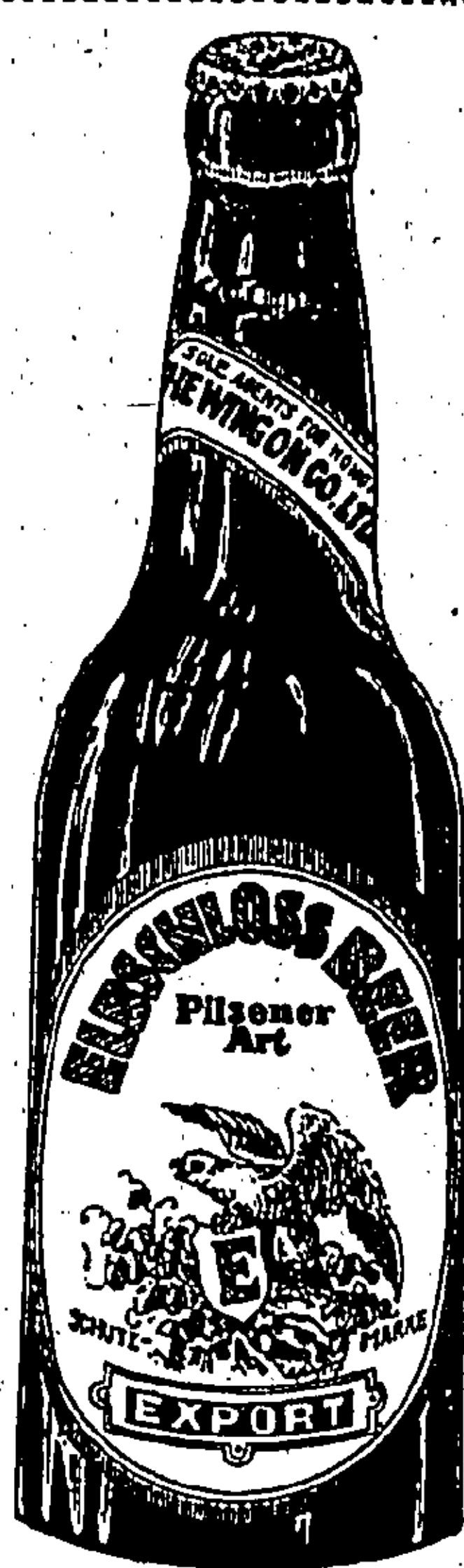
Ambulance Race (440 Yards):—1. Ho Sul-um; 2. Woo Pak-foo.

Half Mile (Junior Challenge Cup presented by Portuguese staff of Chartered Bank):—1. S. Sousa; 2. A. Fisher. 2 mins. 35.4.5 secs.

Half Mile (Senior Challenge Cup presented by Portuguese staff of Hong Kong Bank):—1. A. Fernandez; 2. E. Lawrence. 2 min. 22 secs.

120 Yards (open to St. Francis School):—1. Miss Mary Pau; 2. Miss Mary Fisher; 3. Miss G. Yala.

Hurdle Race (Junior):—1. C.



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Further lists will be published.

Hurdle Race (Senior):—1. M. Murata; 2. Tan Chin-hing. 17 secs.

120 Yards (pupils of Canonian Institute):—1. C. Gardner; 2. H. Sullivan; 3. M. Gardner.

Three Miles Bicycle Race:—1. E. Roza; 2. Eduardo Roza; 3. Alvaro Roza.

One Mile (Military of the Colony):—1. Pte. Elliot (Scots Guards); 2. Pte. King (K.O.S.B.); 3. Pte. Shone (15th Punjab).

4 mins. 41.2.5 secs.

120 Yards (St. Paul's Institute):—1. Miss R. Murphy; 2. Miss L. Chin; 3. Miss S. Sprinkle.

Teachers' Race (440 yards):—1. H. Noronha; 2. C. Dragon.

One Mile (Junior):—1. J. Pereira; 2. H. M. Campos. 5 mins. 40 secs.

One Mile (Senior):—1. A. Fernandez; 2. E. Lawrence. 6 mins. 29 secs.

Past Public Race (220 Yards):—1. E. Carvalho; 2. Hama.

Inter-Class Relay Race (Junior):—1. Class 5B; 2. Class 4C.

Inter-Class Relay Race (Senior):—1. Class 2A; 2. Class 2B.

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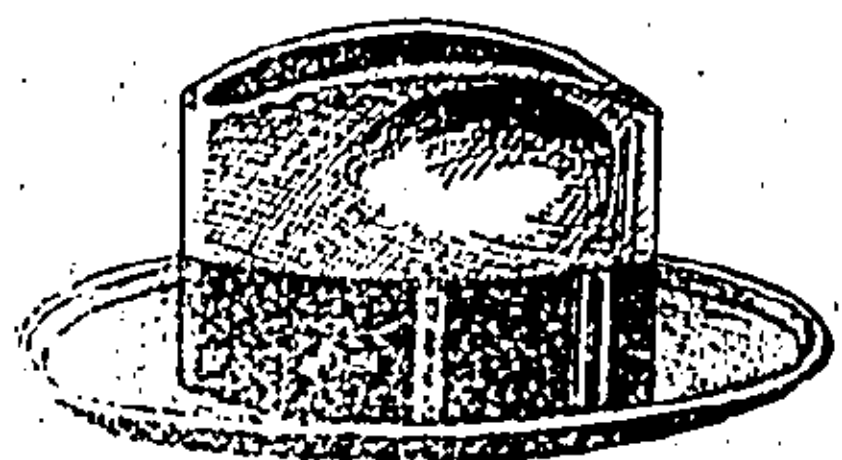
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GLASGOW SOCIETY.

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—S. C.

UP FOR AUCTION.

Lancashire under the Hammer. By B. Bowker, (Hogarth Press, London 3/6.)

Perhaps the first book of its kind, and certainly one of the most interesting books on the subject at the present day. Obviously written by one who possesses the only kind of knowledge which justifies writing at all—experience. It is not dull and uninteresting to the outsider as one would expect, but the story is told with a simplicity which appeals. How many know anything about the cotton trade at all? And out of the few that do, how much of their knowledge is correct? We are told that more than one third of the machinery of the great cotton industry is out of action. But why? Daily we read something about the matter in our papers; here is a book that explains and answers questions.

Other books of its kind, intelligently written by competent people, would do much to relieve the prevalent ignorance on such subjects.

—S. C.

SIGNS OF THE PAST.

Some time ago the writer contributed to *Books of the Month* an article on "Inn and Tavern Signs," but he might have enlarged upon the fact that the use of signs was not confined to places of "refreshment for man and beast," but was common to every trade and some professions. Such signs as the "Three Sugar Loaves," "The Tobacco Plant," "The Bible and Dove" (the emblem of the Holy Spirit), "The Bible and Sun," "The Cleaver," "The Pestle and Mortar," "The Child's Coat in Whitecross Street," "The Minister's Gown" (Bookseller's Row, St. Paul's Churchyard, 1769), "The Blue Boddice," "The Hood and Gown," "The Golden Sheaves," speak for themselves, and sufficiently indicate the trade carried on within.

The streets of London in the 17th century must have presented a gay appearance with signs and emblems of all trades hanging from brackets, suspended across the narrow streets, or hung in a framework (often elaborate) above the sign post, but, though gaudy and richly ornamented, the painting was often bad and as the *Taller* (No. 18) says they "made fritters of English." The Act of 1762 (2 Geo. III. c. 11.) and its enlargements compelled their removal, under a penalty of £5 "and twenty shillings a day for continuing the same," but though wherever possible they might be placed on the fronts of the premises to which they belonged, they were generally destroyed.

An interesting collection of modern signs is to be found on certain of the banks, etc. in the neighbourhood of the Royal Exchange, some of which are quite works of art. One ancient house sign which still exists is the "Marygold" which now, as always, adorns Messrs. Child's Bank, at Temple Bar.

Taken as a whole, signboards may be classified as Biblical and Religious; Flowers, Trees and Herbs; Animals, Birds and Monsters (heraldic and otherwise); Trades and Professions; Articles of Furniture and Dress; but there are many

to which no classification or reason can be assigned except whimsical fancy on the part of those who erected them.

Taken by colours the result is astonishing. Looking through a few London and Provincial Directories the writer found a *Black Ball*, *Boy*, *Cat*, and *Comb*, *Cock*, *Crow*, *Dog*, *Doll*, *Hatchet*, *Girl*, *Friar*, *Goat*, *Greyhound*, *Lion*, *Post*, *Ram*, *Spread Eagle*, and *Bishop*. The latter, however, was of pre-missionary date! Red was likewise a popular colour, as the red *Ball*, *Bear*, *Cat* (a freak of Nature indeed!), *Cow*, *Dragon*, *Dagger*, *Pole*, *Rover*, *Red-streak Tree* (so named from a famous cider apple), all existed in England within the last 150 years, while a famous Continental example is the red shield (Rothschild) which gave a name to the famous firm of bankers.

One curious bookseller's sign of tragical omen was the "Axe." This was situated in Hosier Lane, and marked the printing press of William Gay. Here appeared "A Petition of the Town and County of Leicester unto the King's Most Excellent Majesty . . . printed for W. G. and to be sold at his shop . . . at the sign of the Axe, July 29, 1642." Less than seven years after this Charles I. was beheaded.

Another interesting type of sign is where a classical or other allusion has been misunderstood and so rendered ludicrous. One example was the "Devil and Bag of Nails," which effectively concealed the classic *Satyr* and *Bacchanalia*. Similarly the "Goose and Gridiron" is a corruption of the "Swan and Harp" (or *Lyre*) sacred to Apollo. This was the sign of a "publique music house" standing in St. Paul's Churchyard, and in some sense the precursor of the music hall of today. When its first use ceased, the new proprietor or his customers parodied or corrupted the sign, which may be seen in the Guildhall Museum. To any Masonic readers this tavern is of especial interest in connection with the revival of Freemasonry in 1717. Another instance is the "Ass in a Bandbox," which formerly existed at Nidd, near Knaresborough. This may be the vulgar description of a crest (a demi-animal rising from a coronet; for example), or may have reference to the clumsy infernal machine sent to the Lord Treasurer in 1712.

Some French cynic has said "There was no mischief in the world without a woman, a priest or a lawyer in it." In our previous article the "Good" (and "headless") Woman, was mentioned, and, in a sign derived from this, "The Honest Lawyer" appears with his head in his hand to indicate the only circumstances in which he could be honest. Another sign, formerly to be seen in Oxford Street, and said to be the work of Hogarth was the "Man Loaded with Mischiefs," representing a man carrying a woman, a magpie and a monkey; the woman with a glass of gin in her hand. Below appeared:—

"A monkey, magpie and a wife
Is the true emblem of strife,"

In certain districts a fixed type of sign prevails, e.g., in mining districts many signs allude to pit owners, tools of trade, etc. In hunting districts "The Fox" or "Fox and Hounds" is common, "Tally Ho," or "Harkaway" appear, and famous hounds are commemorated in such signs as "Hark up to Glory," "Hark up to Pay," etc.

But very many signs were, and are, due to sheer eccentricity on the part of the proprietors. Among these we may class "Balaam's Ass" (usually with some witty or otherwise remark proceeding from its mouth), "Jim Crow," "Moonrakers" (alluding to the legend of the country folk who saw the reflection of Luna in a lake, and thinking it to be a cheese; tried to rake it out), "The Case is Altered" ("Credit is dead"), "The First and Last" (showing a cradle and a coffin), "Dirty Dick," "Speaker's Frigate," "Three Legs and Bible" (possibly originally rays with the Sacred Monogram in centre), "Rest and be Thankful," "Lilliput. Hall" (still existing in London), "The Bombay

THE CONFESSIONS.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ORIGINAL "STALKY."

[By Robert Lynd.]

On its first appearance "Stalky and Co." was holly attacked by school-masters and other critics as not only unedifying but untrue to life. Schools and schoolboys, we were told, were not as Mr. Kipling represented them. We have now the authority of Stalky himself—the real Stalky, General Dunsterville, who is so delightful a character that the fictitious Stalky must at times feel jealous of him as a rival—affirming that Mr. Kipling's critics were right. They were right, at least, up to a point. "Stalky and Co." was a picture, not of English school-life, but of life at one particular English school. "Soon after the issue of that book," says General Dunsterville, "I read frequent letters in the papers from old boys of various famous public schools, informing the world that their schools were not in the least like that. Of course they weren't." There was fortunately only one Westward Ho College, and, equally fortunately, Stalky, McTurk, and Rudyard Kipling were from the beginning of the world destined to go to it.

It was a kind of makeshift school, founded by "a lot of old Admirals and Generals" who were too poor to send their sons to an ordinary public school. It was a school without traditions, and, as there was no "waiting list" such as might have led to the weeding-out of undesirable, the boys were "a rather unusual collection of rough specimens." The teachers were able men, but unmanageable as a "team." In spite of the genius of the headmaster, Cornell Price, law and order seem never to have been imposed either on masters or on boys. One has only to read the account of Westward Ho in General Dunsterville's pages in order to realise why all Mr. Kipling's favourite characters are anarchists and why, passionately as he loves anarchists, he also worships discipline as the only means of keeping the bad kind of anarchists in order.

Good Anarchists.

Stalky, McTurk, and Beetle were the good kind of anarchists. Their rebellions went no further than breaking the laws of schoolmasters. But there were other anarchists at the school who broke the laws that should not be broken even by schoolboys, and who were among the most monstrous bullies of whom one has ever heard. "Life was certainly very rough," says General Dunsterville, "and bullying was rampant," and even he, who is the least misanthropic of mortals, speaks of "those harrowing years" in which he lived the life of a hunted animal at the hands of the bullies. Some of the examples of bullying which he recalls are as ingenious as Chinese tortures—mock hangings of small boys from the top of a landing and holding a boy's ear against the thin panel of a door while another boy brought down a hammer with all his force on the

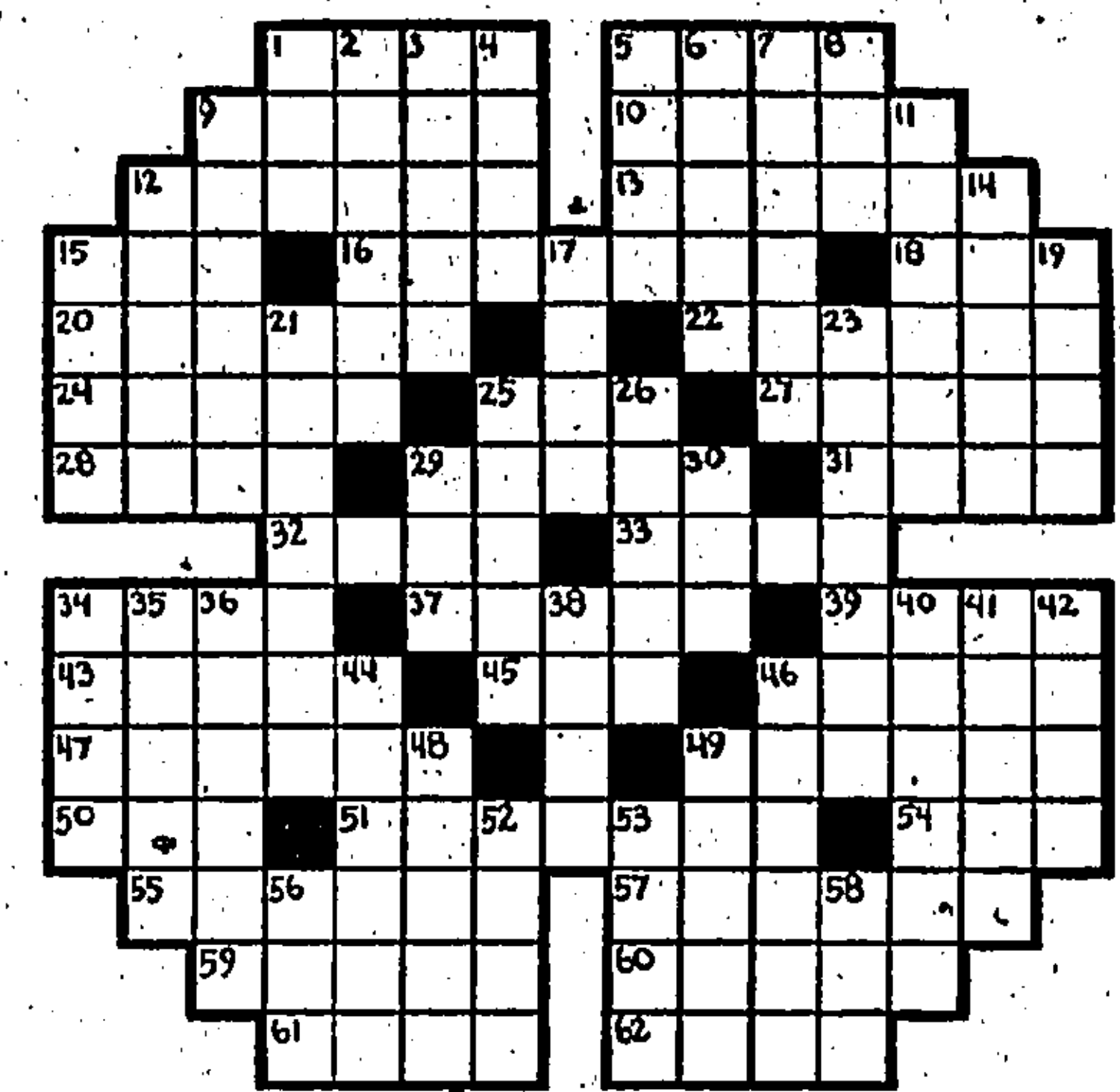
Grab or Crab" (a slang word for an infantry soldier), "The Hog in Armour," "Breeches and Glove," "Shears and Needle" (these last tailors' signs—as was the "Golden Thimble"), "Bullen Butcherer" (at Hever in Kent, Anne Boleyn's home, later corrupted into "Bull and Butcher"), "Bell and Dragon" (really an allusion to the Apocrypha, "Goat in Boots," and last, but not least, the "Anodyne Necklace." This however, has no illusion to Tyburn, but to a famous panacea or "cure-all" which would "help children to teethe, women in labour, or diseases of the head." This establishment was situated near Temple Bar.

But sufficient has been said to show how quaint a by-way the study of signs presents, and having said this we leave the rest to our readers!

—FREDERIC ADAMS.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—An intended slight
- 5—Pen points
- 9—Assigned share
- 10—Small bay
- 12—Game played with iron rings
- 13—Bit off
- 15—Entreat
- 16—Balled
- 18—Accompany
- 20—Pedestrian
- 22—Money paid to a landlord
- 24—Small islands
- 25—To fondle
- 27—Prophets
- 28—Fog
- 29—Bird's claw
- 31—Pertaining to the Celts
- 32—Journey
- 33—A forest
- 34—Sphere
- 37—Having two legs
- 39—Tree trunks
- 43—Ruler of
- 45—Afghanistan
- 46—Title of respect
- 48—Slave
- 49—Degrade
- 49—Wish for

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 50—Guided
- 51—Mexican (Western U. S.)
- 54—Soldier of the European War (abbr.)
- 55—Keep
- 57—Sang in a low undertone
- 58—Vexed
- 59—Numerous chemical compounds
- 61—State of confusion
- 62—Obtains

VERTICAL

- 1—Form of Latin word for "this"
- 2—Sound
- 3—Say publicly
- 4—Starting point
- 5—Near
- 6—Interior
- 7—Basking follows
- 8—Stitch
- 9—Subdue
- 11—Flat canopy over a bed
- 12—Prefix meaning "appearing as if"
- 14—Darlings
- 15—To float on water

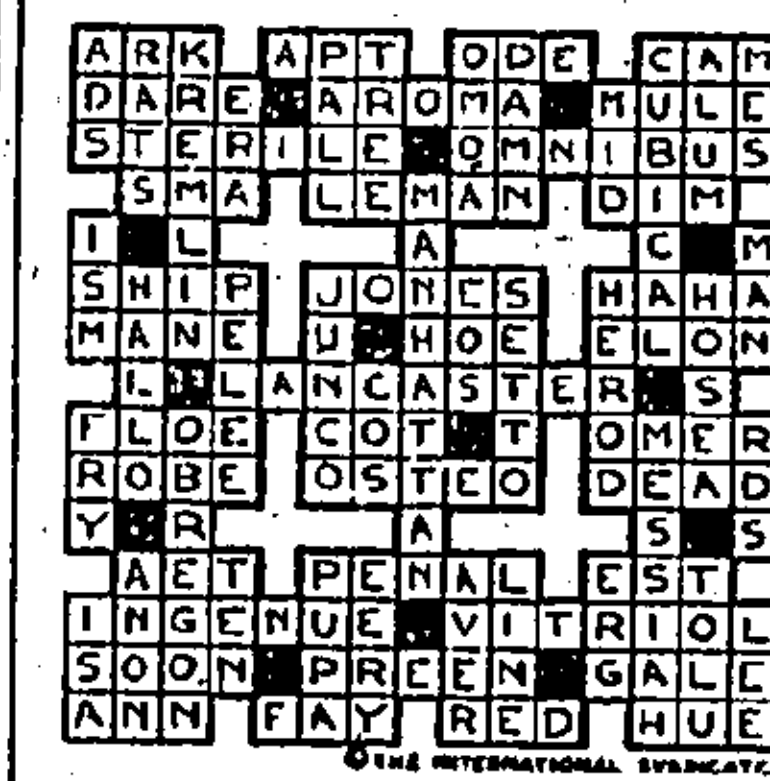
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17—Chinese coin
- 19—Otherwise
- 21—Metallic vessels for boiling liquids
- 23—Sharp-pointed instrument (pl.)
- 25—French city
- 26—Citadel
- 29—Container for liquids
- 30—To be drowsy
- 34—Phenol resin
- 35—Fossil resin
- 38—Conductor
- 39—Home of the Leaning Tower for "this"
- 40—Oily fruit (pl.)
- 41—Pierced
- 42—Printer's mark
- 43—"Let it stand"
- 44—Feast
- 46—Recluse
- 48—Frees from moisture
- 49—Two-spot
- 52—Finishes
- 53—Roughen
- 56—Book of the Bible (abbr.)
- 58—Doctors of Medicine (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. There will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



time—and his explanation is this—

I take whatever is offered me and thoroughly enjoy good things. I never want a second helping of anything, but I will always take one to please my hostess. If she insists on it, I have no fads, and do not have to swallow surreptitiously little tablets to aid my digestion to counteract the ill-effects of bad cooking or poor wine. As a conversationalist I have a stock of harmless anecdotes, and a smattering of knowledge of most things. In vogue, and I generally agree with whatever other people say. Add to this the fact that he has the gift of laughing at himself, and is more likely to tell you how, as general, he nearly fell off his horse in the presence of the troops, than of any of his brilliant and heroic exploits. He even tells how during the Great War he was nearly killed by a flying cheese during shunting operations on a goods train, and imagines a conversation between two war widows: "My husband was killed in an aeroplane after having downed six enemy planes in

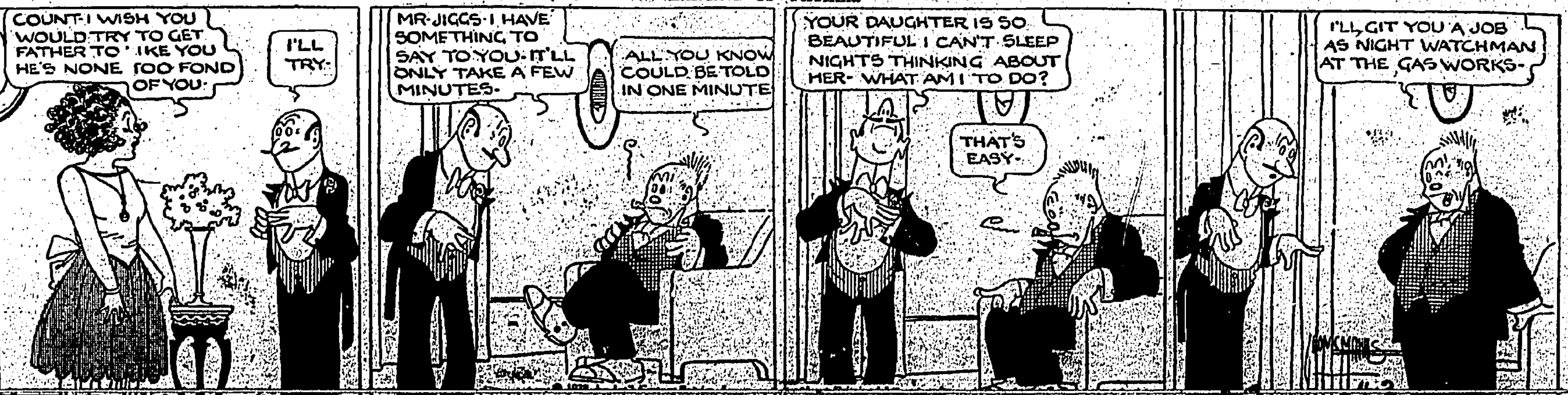
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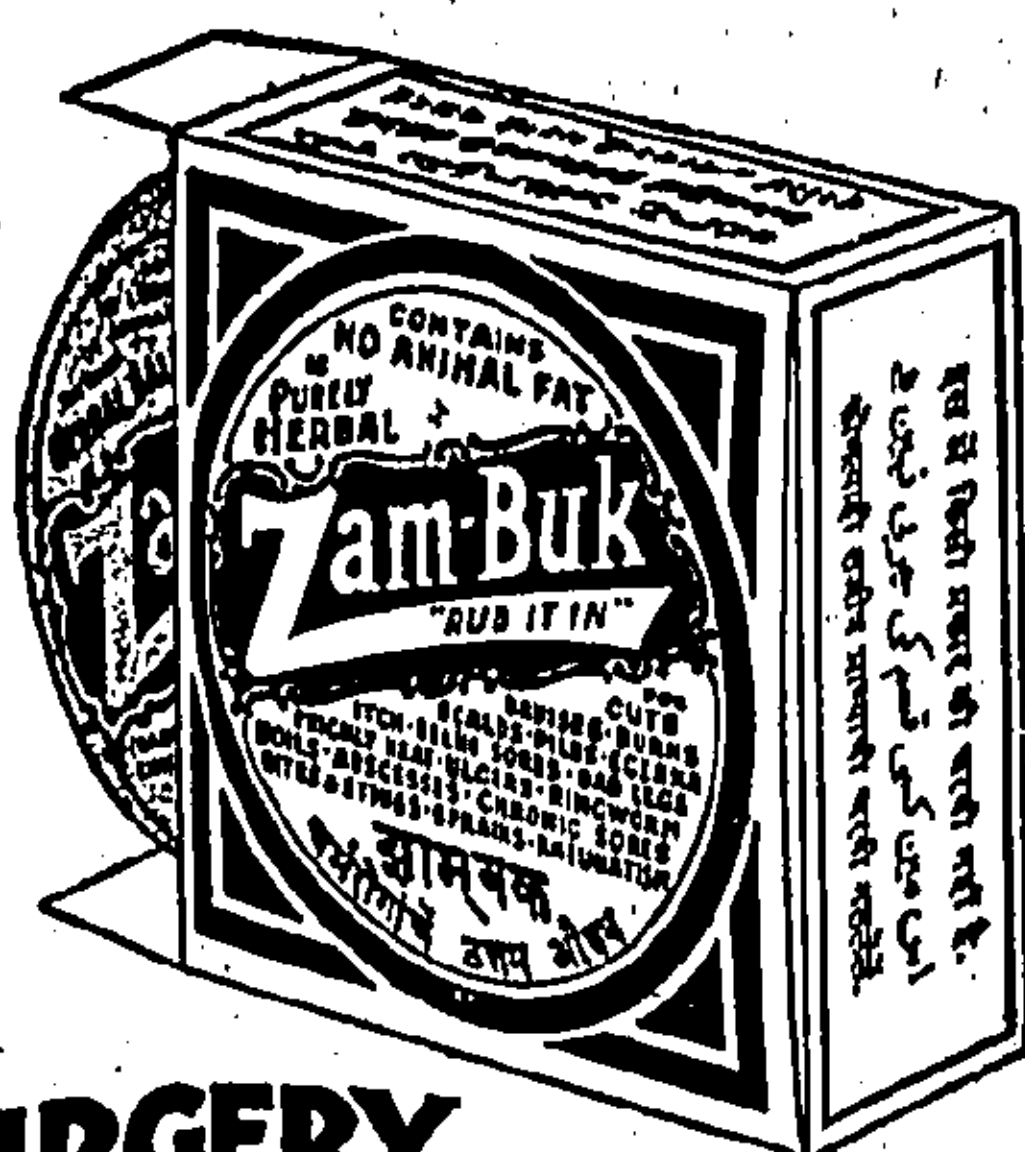
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MURDER PLOT.

THE DEATH OF GENERAL
POPOVITCH.

ROYAL LEADER.

Belgrade.—General Damjan Popovitch, one of the chief conspirators in the revolt which ended in the assassination of King Alexander of Serbia and Queen Draga in 1903, has died here.

The general, who was seventy-one years of age, had lived in seclusion for some time, as he had fallen into disfavour.

The assassination of the Serbian king and queen in the palace at Belgrade in June 1903 shocked the whole world.

General Popovitch was regarded as the arch-conspirator in the military plot against King Alexander and Queen Draga. The queen, who had been a lady-in-waiting to the king's mother, was the special object of the army's hatred.

It was originally intended to kidnap the royal couple and put them across the frontier, and proposals were made to Prince Peter, who was then in Geneva, that he should come to Serbia and be proclaimed king by the army. He arrived in Serbia later and became king, but it was after the midnight assassinations had been carried out, and Popovitch was one of those who went to Geneva to offer him the crown of the murdered king.

When the murder plot was ripe a number of officers met in a Belgrade restaurant at night, and over the supper table arranged the final details.

They reached the palace at midnight to find the door leading to the royal apartments closed against them. The door was blown down by dynamite, and then for two hours they hunted through every corner of the palace for the king and queen, who, alarmed by the explosion, were in hiding. An aide-de-camp at last brought them news of where the unhappy couple were crouching behind a door.

The king fell on his knees, begged that his life might be spared, and offered to meet every demand, to sign any document, to leave the country, and to send the queen away, if only he might be allowed to live.

A revolver shot was the only answer, and as the queen also fell on her knees she too was shot. Both the victims were then slashed with swords and thrown through a window to the lawn in front of the palace.—Ex.

THE CONFESSIONS.

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one morning. And yours, dear?" "Mine was killed in a railway truck by a Double Gloucester."

The gods were undoubtedly kind to Mr. Kipling in sending him to the same school as Stalky. And Stalky is equally in the debt of the gods for having been sent to the same school as Rudyard Kipling. At the same time, General Dunster-ville could scarcely have escaped fame even if "Stalky and Co." had never been written. In war he proved his genius in the Dunster force adventure; and in this book he shows that he possesses another kind of genius—the genius of comic self-revelation and burlesque anecdote. We hear how he played the fool in his youth at the card table, of his experiences in the Indian Army, of his visit to

STORY OF THE EMDEN

DIEGO GARCIA HADN'T HEARD OF THE WAR.

PRINCE'S REMINISCENCES.

Prince Franz Joseph, who served as second torpedo officer in the "Emden" during her famous raiding activities at the beginning of the war, states in "The Emden," published last February that the captain of the cruiser, the heroic von Muller, did not surrender at the final fight at Keelung Island. He admits, however, that the ensign was hauled down and the white flag run up.

"One can only surrender with weapons," he writes. "As, however, our ship was a wreck, and all weapons on board had been destroyed, there could be no talk of surrender. The flag was hauled down because a wreck has no longer any right to fly it, and further bloodshed was useless and could not be justified. On running on to the reef, the flag had been forgotten, as God knows, other work was more pressing, and it did not occur to any of us that a flag at the maintop of a wreck would be taken as a reason for resuming the bombardment."

Whether this explanation will sound convincing to British ears, remains to be seen.

Internment at Malta. The author complains of the treatment of the crew when prisoners of war at Malta: "The English had also interned here nationalist Egyptians and Arabs, and pro-German Greeks. Anybody who did not forward English interests, or opposed them, was imprisoned. The English seized all without consideration. If in Germany and Austria he had been imprisoned, at the beginning of the war, all suspicious persons, espionage would have been sooner brought to an end."

Of the attack upon the warships in Pulo-Penang harbour, Prince Franz Joseph writes: "The first wish of everyone in the 'Emden' had always been to come up against an enemy warship. The sinking of merchantmen was quite all right, but it was no deed of arms for a man to be properly proud of! A fight with similar weapons gave everybody satisfaction, as a trial of the fitness of the ship, her officers and men."

"Many readers may perhaps ask why we had not long ago set out to look for enemy warships. To this I would give the only answer, that this is not the proper duty of a cruiser on foreign station. Our orders were quite definite—to destroy the enemy's trade."

There is an amusing story of the "Emden's" visit to Diego Garcia, the southernmost island of the Chagos Archipelago. The manager of an oil company exploiting the island had no idea that there was a war in progress. So they explained their presence in those waters by saying that they were taking part in "world manoeuvres" in which the united fleets of Germany, England, and France had their principal base of operations in the Indian Ocean!—"Morning Post."

Germany, where he tried to learn to sing, of his visit to Russia, where he found that he could eat everything offered to him except cows' udders, of fighting in China, and of his adventures in Persia during the war. And the whole story is told in a vein of comedy that would have done credit to Charles Lever.—"Observer."



President Coolidge and Col. Charles Lindbergh photographed just after President Coolidge had presented the latter with the Congressional Medal of Honor. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an American by the Government and was given to Colonel Lindbergh for his extraordinary feat in air travel. President Coolidge is shown with the medal in the palm of his hand as it hangs from the neck of Colonel Lindbergh.

FAITHFULNESS.

AUDIENCE AND THE ARTIST.

AN ENGLISH TRAIT.

[By Harry Farjeon.]

It is a touching sight when some lion of the public, feeling himself to have failed for once in the quality of his roar, shakes his mane in petulant self-disapproval while his worshippers pass sorrowing away; when the Butterfly Etude alights so heavily upon the piano pedals that it is not encored; when the E string of the master, subject to a greater yet, obeys the Clerk of the Weather to wincing point; when some flowery soprano, once able to select any precise bloom from her bunch of top notes, now generously hurls forward something redolent of the whole bouquet. Slowly, silently, hats are donned, coats are buttoned, and the audience sheathes in gloves the hands for which it has no use. Yes, a touching, a pitiful sight! But one which, in England, we never see.

For, if we are anything, we are faithful. Our old favourites, waxing in age, never wane in favour, and this (I take it) for two reasons. One is that we really do love what we love so well that to decay is personal pain; and the other, less worthy, is a failure in discrimination. Our audiences are high in enthusiasm and by no means low in intelligence, but they are invested with that English characteristic—addiction to the label.

A true Englishman, one knows, when he says "Bolshie rot" or "Capitalist eyewash" (according to his colour) thinks he has disposed of his opponents. And an English audience when it says "Kreisler!" or "Russian Ballet!" sets before itself, in advance, the measure of its applause. If Kreisler were to fail, as he never does fail (except sometimes in the standard of the fare he provides), we would not notice it. And—here comes in the higher quality of our faithfulness—if we did notice it we would make no public display of the fact. Whereas an Italian audience, quicker to detect flaws, is also more enraged by them—this disappoints me now, and I must hit it, even though I fondled it because it then pleased me. Those frank-hearted Italians! Beauty to them is health; they feel it as physical impression, and they can no more revel in beauty gone bad for that it was formerly good than they can enjoy indigestion in the light of feasts once happily consummated. Whereas we—Ache on, little Mary! What matters? You once served us well.

There is a real advantage in this for the great artist who is still great, as well as for him who must hide present nakedness under the cloak of the past. In England the accepted favourite has not to break his duck every time. It is broken for him before he begins, and he strides to the wicket with his score already 50 not out. Quite recently one of the most famous pianists went through a whole season affected by Test Match nerves; this reacted painfully upon his performance, but not upon his score. Individually, some of us asked ourselves, "Was I mistaken in X?" but the general public thronged as usual, applauded as usual, and, as usual, clustered round the concluding encores like a Boundary Commission disputing every half-inch of territory. For them, dear souls, there was no difference.

Now, this was good for X, who was all the time the very great artist he had proved himself the previous season. The cold disparaging eye of just appraisal might have put him for ever off his game, but continued cordiality heartened him, and before long he was again able to give us of his best. For no artist can show you his soul until he has conquered yours. And if he has once done this, is there not a quality of beauty in going to him each time with complete surrender?

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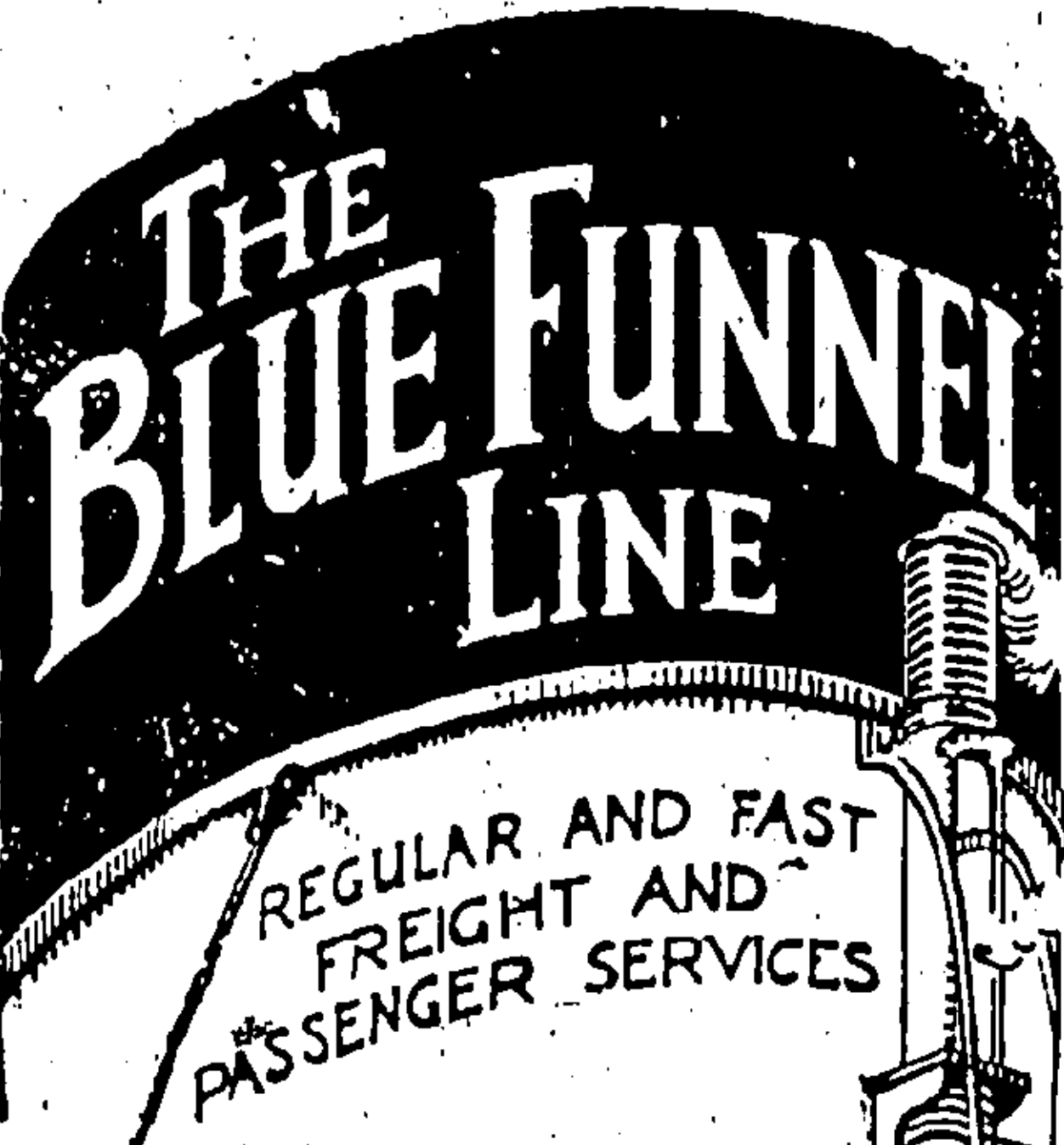
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The Postal Service to Swabue & neighbouring places has now been resumed.

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From	SATURDAY, MAY 12.	Per
Straits	Novara	12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	12.
Straits	Haruna Maru.	13.
Manila	President Jefferson	14.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	15.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.		
Straits	Kutsang	16.
THURSDAY, MAY 17.		
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	17.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	18.
FRIDAY, MAY 18.		
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	18.
TUESDAY, MAY 22.		
Japan	Mishima Maru	22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	23.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	23.
MONDAY, MAY 23.		
Straits	Kamo Maru	23.
FRIDAY, JUNE 1.		
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	23.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	SATURDAY, MAY 12.	Per
Straits	Svala	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via	Novara	3.30 p.m.
Siberia	San Ning	4 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Pres. Grant	4.30 p.m.
Manila	Tai Fook Sling	4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Anhui	5 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Lee No. 1	5.00 p.m.
Saigon	Sunsaihai	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunsaihai	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 13.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	9 a.m.
Bangkok	Kwelyang	9 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	11.00 a.m.
MONDAY, MAY 14.		
Hollo	Bolton Castle	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via	Haruna Maru	10.30 a.m.
Siberia		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon.		
Letters 1 p.m.	Yuen Sang	
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	4.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, MAY 15.		
Formosa, *Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th June.	Siberia Maru	8.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

THE "ITALIA."

Returns Owing to Thick Fog.

A "RECONNAISSANCE."

Useless To Continue Polar Flight At Present.

Oslo, Yesterday.
The "Italia" has returned to King's Bay from Spitzbergen, merely having made a reconnaissance flight.

Later.
The "Italia" returned to King's Bay owing to thick fog over the icefield making it useless to continue the flight.

Off to the Pole.
Another Oslo wire to hand says that the "Italia" has now departed for the Pole.—Reuter.

A DOUBLE BITE.

MERCHANT'S DOG MOVES QUICKLY.

A SAILOR'S PET.

A Chinese woman, Tang Shi (40), widow, residing at No. 5 Lung Fai Terrace, was yesterday afternoon removed to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from a severe dog bite on the left thigh. The animal in question is owned by a well known Chinese merchant, Mr. Fung Tung-wah, residing at No. 6 Lung Fai Terrace. This incident occurred at 4 p.m. Later in the afternoon, the same dog bit another Chinese woman, residing at the latter named address and following the second affair, the dog was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

Another "dog biting" affair has come to the notice of the Police, in that a dog from the H.M.S. "Wivern" was yesterday moved to Kennedy Town, as the result of biting a Chinese on the right thigh, while he was walking along Queen's road—East.

APPOINTMENTS.

ITEMS IN TO-DAY'S "GAZETTE."

The following appointments are announced in to-day's "Gazette":—
The Hon. Mr. John Owen Hughes to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council for such period as the Honourable Sir Henry Edward Pollock, K.C., is acting as Attorney General of the Colony, with effect from May 4, 1928.

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Mr. Benjamin David Fleming Beith to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice the Hon. Mr. William Edward Leonard Shenton, with effect from May 9, 1928.

Rev. Frank Short to be a Member of the Board of Education, vice the Reverend Thomas William Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D., with effect from April 9, 1928.

Mr. Hugh Blackwell Layard Dowbiggin to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from April 15, 1928.

Rev. Arthur Dudley Stewart and Mr. Tso Seen-wan, LL.D., as Members of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from April 9, 1928.

An employed Chinese, stated as residing at 88 Canton-road, was yesterday afternoon arrested with a travelling clock in his possession. The clock was later proved to be the property of Mr. P. W. Parker, residing at 459 The Peak. The article was missed early yesterday morning, and a report of the larceny was at once made to the Police.

At the Central Magistracy, Mr. R. E. Lindsell was asked to remand the case for 8 days, to enable further evidence to be obtained. The case was accordingly remanded.

A NEW CAPITAL.

Nanning or Wuchow in Kwangsi?

ANTI-JAPANESE TALK.

Students And Labourers Attend Mass Meetings.

Wuchow, May 9.
General Wong Shiu-hung has left for Nanning. It is reported that he intends to make that city his headquarters and that he will remove his family there in the near future.

Anti-Japanese demonstrations and parades are being held here to-day. Mass meetings are taking place on the recreation ground, attended by students and labour unions. There is no disorder or anti-foreign feeling.

The s.s. "Hoi Cheong," a Chinese owned ocean-going merchantman, is still held in custody, pending settlement with the local Government of a seizure of arms aboard the vessel several weeks ago.—An occasional correspondent.

STILL MORE!

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO ARREST WHOLESALERS.

UKRAINIA'S TURN.

Berlin, Yesterday.
A telegram from Moscow states that 28 persons have been arrested including the entire staff of the Kokso Benzol Trust, who are accused of conspiring with

FINE WEEK END.

Light, westerly, variable winds; fine, is the official forecast until noon to-morrow.

counter-revolutionary Ukrainians to destroy the chemical enterprises of the Ukraine.—Reuter.

LOCUST CLOUDS.

AEROPLANE ATTACKS FAIL TO DISPERSE THEM.

MACHINES FORCED DOWN.

Basra, Yesterday.
The Airforce base at Koweit (Iraq) originally established to defend the city against the Wahabi raiders has just been engaging with a new enemy in the shape of clouds of locusts.

Aeroplanes went up to try to scatter them but some of the machines were forced down owing to the locusts blocking the radiators, etc. The locusts also invaded South Iraq but the damage to the young date crop does not exceed six per cent.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH.

London, Yesterday.
British imports for April amounted \$38,797,000 and exports to \$55,268,000, reductions of \$18,714,000 and \$9,690,000 respectively as compared with March.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

ARGENTINE MINISTER AT THE HAGUE.

The Hague, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Senor Guesalaga, Argentine Minister at The Hague since 1910. He was the doyen of the Diplomatic Corps.—Reuter.

A GERMAN DENIAL.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The Siemenswerke and other firms have issued a statement denying that they or any of their affiliated concerns have bribed Russian officials or employees or plotted to put out of action plans and machinery.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 9/16.

TELEPHONY!

A "Call" From London to Java.

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Minister Speaks To Under-Secretary Thousands Of Miles Away.

London, Yesterday.
One of the longest calls in the history of telephony was made yesterday at noon when Mr. L. Amery, (Dominions' Secretary) spoke from his room in the House of Commons with Mr. Ormsby-Gore (Dominions' Under-Secretary) in Java.

The call was wirelessly to Holland where it was picked up and carried by ordinary line to London.

Lady Ormsby-Gore, who with Mr. Amery also spoke to her husband, said her husband's voice as clear as a local call in London.—Reuter.

WHEN IN DEBT.

DISTRESS FOR RENT AMENDMENTS.

NEW BILL.

A bill to amend the Distress of Rent Ordinance of 1888 will be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

The power of seizure given by the Distress for Rent Ordinance, 1888, is a power to seize movable property found in the apparent position of the "person" from whom the rent is claimed. The term "person" does not include a firm, and it is therefore not possible to issue a distress warrant against a firm in the firm name. This is inconvenient because premises are often let to firms and the landlords frequently do not know the names of the partners. Section 2 of this Ordinance therefore amends section 15 of the principal Ordinance so as to enable a distress warrant to be issued to seize the goods of a firm. Section 3 of this Ordinance makes a consequential amendment in section 16 of the principal Ordinance.

Section 24 of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, provides that except by way of appeal no proceeding relating to land in the New Territories shall be commenced in the Supreme Court unless the Crown is a party, or unless the Land Officer shall certify that the capital value of the land affected exceeds \$5,000 or that the annual value thereof exceeds \$500. There is one exception to this provision, i.e., when the land in question has been exempted from the Ordinance under section 13 (2). It would appear that the issue of a distress warrant is a proceeding relating to land, within the meaning of the above Ordinance, and that the issue of a distress warrant is a proceeding in the Supreme Court. It would therefore appear to be impossible to issue a distress warrant for any part of New Territories except in cases falling under 13 (2), or under the exceptions in section 24 of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance. This is inconvenient in the case of New Kowloon, where in many cases the conditions are more similar to those of the old Colony than to those of the New Territories. Accordingly, section 4 of this Ordinance, 1888, shall extend to New Kowloon.

D'OISY'S PROGRESS.

HOPS FROM BUKHAREST TO ALEPPO.

Aleppo, Yesterday.
Pelletier D'Oisy was arrived here from Bukharest.—Havas.

At the expiration of three months the Cafe Regent Company, Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

The Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions for the despatch of the business of the Court shall be held on Monday, May, 21 at 10 a.m.

The name of the Prosperity Trading Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register.

A COMEDY of to-day in the gay settings of Monte Carlo!—

Connie Griffiths
in **The Garden of Eden**
LOWELL SHERMAN
LOUISE DRESSER
CHARLES RAY

SUPERB COLOUR SCENES

THE HUMOROUS and romantic adventures of a chorus girl who posed as the daughter of a baroness—A big new film produced by the man who made "Two Arabian Knights."

AT THE **QUEEN'S** FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

BREATHLESS suspense and grim realism in a thrilling story of aerial warfare!—

The LONE EAGLE
RAYMOND KEANE—BARBARA KENT—JACK PENNICK

AT THE **WORLD** FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY
Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20.
Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

THE ROLLICKING farce of an innocent abroad in the wilds of Gay Paree!—

THREE WEEKS in PARIS
Starring
Matt Moore, Dorothy Devore
Willard Louis, Gayne Whitman
John Patrick.

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Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.

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